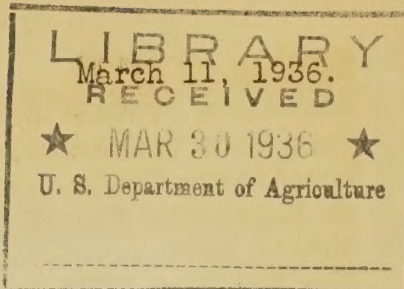


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(1) Voluntary Crop Control.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TIMES-UNION. ID. 2/19/36. * * * It is obvious that by voluntarily governing their own affairs, they will be able, in large measure, to control their own economic destiny. If, on the other hand, they revert to practices that existed prior to enactment of the Federal crop control laws it is inevitable that the old conditions may be expected to return to plague the farmers and all others whose interests interlock with theirs. * * * (13727*)

(2) Farmer's Purchasing Power.

ROSWELL, N. MEX., DISPATCH. ID. 2/14/36. * * * The farmers' purchasing power in 1935 represented the recovery of 54.0 per cent of the ground lost in the 1929-1932 slump. (13728*)

(3) Back to the Farm.

AKRON, O., TIMES-PRESS. I. 2/24/36. * * * This analysis demonstrates clearly that the expanded market that rubber manufacturers must seek lies on the farm. The only serious problem now is to see that farmers have enough income to make the potential market a real one. (13729*)

(4) Farm Income May Stay Up.

FORT WORTH, TEX., STAR-TELEGRAM. ID. 2/18/36. In only two of the 14 previous expansion periods since the Civil War has farm income experienced a more extensive rise than in the past three years. * * * While the evidence offered by history indicated that in the normal course of events a recession in farm income might be due, the fact should not be overlooked that this year will be another year of large borrowing and spending by the Government. * * * In the circumstances, it may be estimated--for the present, at least--that farm income in 1936 will equal or exceed that of 1935. (13730*)

(5) The New A.A.A.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD-HERALD. I. 2/29/36. * * * The experience of 15 years has demonstrated that, whether in prosperity or depression, agriculture suffers an economic disadvantage. The old A.A.A. was an attempt at rescue in an emergency which had brought farming to the point of widespread bankruptcy. It did a lot of good, although experience showed it to have many weaknesses aside from the constitutional objection. How far the present measure goes to correcting the objections to the first can best be told by trying it. * * * (13731*)

(1) Cooperation.

MERIDIAN, MISS., STAR. I. 2/19/36. L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange, recently put forward the following five reasons why cooperative marketing can do for the farmer what no other method can accomplish. * * * These are basic virtues of agricultural cooperation. They show how cooperation in farm production and marketing enables farmers to achieve sound "farm relief" through their own efforts and abilities. (13732*)

(2) Cooperatives in 1935.

MADISON, WIS., TIMES. I. 2/26/36. * * * Almost 8,000 associations engaged in marketing farm commodities during the year. They had a total membership of 2,490,000 farmers, and did a total volume of business of \$1,343,000,000 --a gain of 14.2 per cent over 1934. * * * Add to this picture the remarkable gains being made in the consumers co-operative field, and it will be apparent that co-operatives are here to stay and to plan an important part in the economic development of the future. (13733*)

(3) Taxes--Again.

WASHINGTON, D.C., NEWS. I. 2/21/36. * * * The only taxes of the so-called painless and invisible variety which have ever had any justification, in our opinion, were the A.A.A. processing levies. They had all the vices of other hidden sales taxes, but they had the one virtue of making the commodities which the farm program helped pay their own way. * * * (13734*)

(4) Mining America's Farms.

BOSTON, MASS., CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 2/24/36. * * * The Administration bill now near final adoption in Congress is an unsatisfactory hodgepodge which mingles constitutional uncertainty with political expediency and dumps the problem into the lap of the Secretary of Agriculture with embarrassing powers and responsibilities and with a lack of instructions or a confusion of them. The Republican bill to pay the farmer a "tariff equivalent" on the part of his production needed in the United States falls somewhat short of the ideal. Yet even the shortcomings of the best politically available proposals do not obscure the facts which are becoming constantly plainer and more insistent that America needs both to re-establish an equality of treatment between agriculture and industry and to preserve, partly thereby, its rich heritage of soil fertility. * * * The law of supply and demand is a beneficent mentor to those--individuals or nations--who can and will foresee its requirements. * * * (13735*)

(1) The New Farm Bill.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH., DESERET NEWS. I. 2/17/36. * * * States singly and in groups have tried to control agricultural production without the legal co-ordination of the Federal Government, but these efforts have always resulted in failure. * * * It has been demonstrated that the prosperity of the steel-auto industry depends upon the prosperity of the farmer. This is true also of many of the other leading industries of the country. If farm prices drop, factory wages also drop. (13737*)

(2) Wise Farmers.

ATLANTA, GA., CONSTITUTION. D. 2/23/36. * * * Southern agriculture is now on the highway to the greatest degree of prosperity it has ever known, but it easily may run off that highway. Federal crop control regulations of the past three years should be taken as guide posts for the future, and if that course is followed agriculture will not land in the ditch. (13738*)

(3) A Massachusetts View.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 2/21/36. * * * The most lasting virtue possible for the late A.A.A. lies in the fact that it did a great deal to demonstrate to the cotton and tobacco farmers the values of variety, not only in money revenues and a better living, but also in the refreshment of the soil, the prevention of erosion, and many other things in like categories. * * * (13739*)

(4) Eggs and Buttons.

RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 3/1/36. Fortune, magazine devoted to the dramatization of great wealth and great industry in America, is not an agricultural journal. * * * But this month it has told business that, far from the A.A.A. decision representing a triumph for industry over agriculture, the Supreme Court's action merely means postponement of the solution of the fundamental problem of disparity between American industry and agriculture for which the policies of great business and not greater government are responsible. * * * (13740*)

(5) New A.A.A.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., GAZETTE. ID. 3/1/36. * * * Regardless of how one may look upon the propriety and efficacy of the old A.A.A., it was an honest experiment that seemed to be bearing good fruit. * * * Regardless of criticism all good citizens hope the new A.A.A. will work. * * * (13741*)

(1) Conserving Soil as Aid to Farm Income.

DES MOINES, IOWA, WALLACE'S FARMER. 2/29/36. * * * But the supreme court's ruling still stands in the way of a completely effective program for eliminating farm surpluses and maintaining prices. If the soil conservation act does not serve to maintain farm income at a proper figure, farmers may yet be forced to turn to the job of securing a reversal of the court's decision on the A.A.A. (13742*)

(2) Beginning With The Soil.

FREDERICK, OKLA., LEADER. D. 2/15/36. * * * These two things are certain: What control the bill provides is voluntary control; and without some sort of program of planting there can be no permanent cure for the two great evils that beset agriculture. * * * The soil and its use can no more be a local problem than is national defense against a foreign foe. * * * (13743*)

(3) The East is Surprised.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., STAR. I. 2/17/36. * * * If A.A.A. is not to be followed by a comparable plan to make farming a paying business, middle-west farmers will be ripe for pleas advocating a constitutional change and they won't be slow in supporting such appeals. The farmer is a good American, but he is right in regarding himself also as a progressive American, with a right to earn a living from his toil. (13744*)

(4) A Court That Reversed Itself.

PORTLAND, OREG., JOURNAL. I. 2/24/36. No wonder three justices dissented in the decision invalidating A.A.A. That decision is a direct reversal of a finding by the same court on the immigration tax. * * * The purposes of the A.A.A. act and of the immigration act were practically identical. * * * And what is this reversal by the justices in a 6-to-3 decision when the finding destroys a law that rescued American farmers from threatened peasantry by increasing their income \$2,000,000,000 a year? (13745*)

(5) A National Problem.

CINCINNATI, O., INQUIRER. D. 2/25/36. * * * The greatness of any country, and the standard of life of its people, are closely related to the vigor of its agriculture. Careful students of this problem of soil destruction by wind and water have warned us that the next 20 years are critical, that if adequate measures are not taken in that time, the basis of Western farming will be gravely impaired. * * * It takes only a few seasons of destruction to create a problem that will require a generation or two to solve. Plainly, the problem is beyond the capacity of the states to solve. The question, therefore, is whether we are going to stand by and see a new desert created in a fertile region, or whether we are going to recognize it as a national problem, to be dealt with by the National Government on an adequate scale. (A-686456)

(1) Little Change.

ALBANY, N. Y., KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. IR. 2/20/36. * * * Possibly the best observation of the effects of the new farm bill will be supplied by a comparison of industry and agriculture, the former released from restriction and federal bondage and the other repressed by the policy of scarcity. * * * (13736*)

(2) Conserving Soil and Farmers.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/25/36. * * * Indeed, the now-admitted objective of the measure has nothing to do with soil conservation; it is to place a large income in the hands of the farmer. * * * (13746*)

(3) Farm Legislation Haste

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., GAZETTE. IR. 2/19/36. Invalidation of the A.A.A. has not been followed by the dire consequences that had been predicted would occur if the law were not upheld. * * * Instead of taking advantage of the breathing spell that the present agriculture situation permits, to evolve a sound workable plan, the gesture must be made of doing something because a national election is in the offing. * * * (13748*)

(4) A.A.A. in Idaho.

SPOKANE, WASH., SPOKESMEN-REVIEW. IR. 2/19/36. * * * It is evident, from this comment by the Coeur d'Alene Press, that a spirit of independent thought cropped out in Kootenai county. * * * (13749*)

(5) Nothing New About It.

FORT WAYNE, IND., NEWS-SENTINEL. R. 2/19/36. * * * "The A.A.A. decision," says Senator Norris, of Nebraska, "cannot stand if our country is to live and prosper." * * * In the A.A.A. case, as in a number of earlier instances, the Supreme Court decided that Congress, under the Constitution, lacked any rightful power to do certain things. * * * If either the A.A.A. or any other "New Deal" policy is as vital to the welfare of the whole people as the "New Dealers" contend, then they should experience no difficulty in convincing two-thirds of the people's representatives in Congress that the policy ought to be submitted to the people for their consideration. * * * (13750*)

(6) Economics of Self Destruction.

TOPEKA, KANS., JOURNAL. IR. 2/20/36. * * * It will take the American farmer a long while to recover from the damaging results of the economic folly which first restricted his own production for a paltry handout, and then ruined his market by laying it open to foreign invasion. * * * (13751*)

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(1) Farm Vote Conservation.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 2/23/36. * * * The House has now passed the crazy-quilt farm bill, successor to the unmourned A.A.A. following the Senate's example. In its stride it stuck in a few changes, designed to make the Secretary of Agriculture more of an autocrat than ever. With the A.A.A. defunct, some scheme was needed to continue the handouts to the farmers in this election year. * * * Mr. Wallace has not yet achieved his ambition, proclaimed in a speech now nearly forgotten, to post a Government permit in every farmer's fields. But anyone who doubts that under this new bill his powers will be even broader than under the old A.A.A. is due for a rude awakening. * * * (13752*)

(2) Penalizing Trade.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., OKLAHOMAN, ID. 2/19/36 * * * The federal government pays farmers hundreds of millions of dollars to produce less wheat and cotton and fewer hogs. It proposes to limit production by retiring from cultivation millions of acres of tillable land. Meanwhile it has surrounded the country with tariff barriers designed to limit, sharply or terminate completely the inflowing volumes of foreign trade. * * * Having cut foreign importations almost to the vanishing point, we now propose to curtail domestic productivity by converting millions of productive acres to perpetual idleness and by paying farmers bonuses to produce smaller crops. * * * (13753*)

(3) An Expensive Experiment.

RENO, NEV., GAZETTE, R. 2/19/36. * * * Chicago Tribune investigators reached the conclusion that if controlled crops had done as well as those uncontrolled, the farmers would have been a half billion dollars richer. * * * Now the reports of the bureau of agricultural economics show, according to the Tribune, that in 1934 the income to the cotton farmer would have been as great, or greater, without the A.A.A. as it was with that costly experiment. The bureau stated that no cash crop can be grown as profitably as cotton on the acreage which the government removed from production, and that control caused an enormous increase in the cost of unemployment relief. * * * The administration is making another bid for the agricultural vote, and it means to keep on the public payroll the tens of thousands of A.A.A. workers as political workers. (13754*)

(4) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 2/2/36. The farm medicine prescribed by Congress is the identical medicine which the United States supreme court recently branded "Poison--Unconstitutional," and said must not be given to the patient. All the new deal doctors have done is change the label on the bottle. They have stricken out the letters "A.A.A." and have pasted on a new label which reads, "For Soil Conservation and Prevention of Soil Erosion." But the bottle still contains the one-half billion dollar a year bribe to the farmers to reduce and restrict production. * * * (13755*)

Editorials Con, Cont'd A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL.

(1) The New Farm Bill.

HARTFORD, CONN., COURANT. R. 2/17/36. * * * The emphasis has been somewhat shifted,--instead of being paid for not growing certain crops, the farmers would now be paid for growing certain others,--but the principle remains. * * * (13756*)

(2) Did A.A.A. Do Harm?

MACON, GA., EVENING NEWS. D. 1/23/36. * * * It would be interesting to see the Department of Agriculture's explanation of this. If crops that are not regimented have an increased value of half a billion dollars while those that are regimented show a decreased value of 84 million dollars, the logical conclusion would seem to be that it would be well not to regiment any of them. * * * (13757*)

(3) A Substitute A.A.A.

TROY, N. Y., RECORD. I. 2/18/36. * * * Stripped to its essentials, the new farm plan is a rehashed A.A.A., based upon soil conservation, to be administered by a secretary-dictator. * * * (13758*)

(4) Back To The Soil

JOHNSTOWN, PA., TRIBUNE. R. 2/17/36. * * * If kept free from Government interference, American agriculture can not only produce all that American consumers require and remove the necessity for heavy importations of foodstuffs from abroad, but it is capable of materially reducing the relief burdens of the Nation. It should be given the chance to manage its own affairs, free from regimentation and dictation from Washington. (13759*)

(5) Farm Purchasing Power.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/20/36 * * * The ratio of agricultural to non-agricultural purchasing power, therefore, has risen from 66 in 1932 to 82 in 1935, and it would be 90 for the last year if benefit payments were included. An interesting conclusion thus indicated is that the relationship between farm and non-agricultural purchasing power materially improved last year, when agricultural prices were relatively stable, while the relation became less favorable during 1934, when greatly reduced output boosted prices. Thus once again the fallacy of high prices and small volume as a cure of the farmer's ills is emphasized. (13760*)

Editorials Con, Cont'd. A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL.

(1) The New Farm Bill.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., VINDICATOR. ID. * * * Most of the farmers of the country don't want the A.A.A.--a fact proved by the attitude of the national farm organizations, three out of the four important ones declining to back the administration's bill for further cash outpourings. * * * (13761*)

(2) Fooling You Farmers.

CHARLESTON, S.C., NEWS & COURIER. ID. 2/19/36.***As long as you farmers are allowed to work unlimited hours and other men's labor hours are limited, it is as sure as the stars shine that you will slave to feed the wage-earning labor and the business men. * * * If these economic planners were sincere, they would limit hours of labor on farms by fixing a minimum farm wage that would attract laborers to farms. * * * (13762*)

(3) Implications of the New A.A.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 3/1/36. * * * In place of the unconstitutional A.A.A., Congress has set up an organization of still wider scope, with far more extensive authority for the Secretary of Agriculture. * * * Under the A.A.A. only basic crops were controlled, and that in accordance with a definite formula. Under the present legislation all crops may be controlled without any legal formula worthy of the name. * * * Coupled with his authority to make any rules and regulations he may deem necessary to carry out the terms of the bill, this seems to give him power to apply virtually every scheme that has been tried or even suggested for relief of agriculture. Thus the Supreme Court decision on A.A.A. constitutionality is short-circuited, but with the distinction that the new administrative powers are even more sweeping than was the case under the old law. (13726*)

(4) Foreign Farmers Profit at Expense of American Farmers.

PUEBLO, COLO., STAR-JOURNAL. I. 2/23/36. * * * Why, in the name of common sense can't the administration understand that it may "prime the pump" until doomsday but that unless and until it stops the importation of LOW COST FARM PRODUCTS from LOW WAGE STANDARD countries the American farmers will continue to suffer, no matter how much money is extracted from the rank and file of American workers in taxes to pay farmers a production bounty or subsidy. (13725*)

(5) Exceeding the A.A.A.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, TIMES. OR. 2/28/36. * * * The new agricultural measure is designed to provide a 32 per cent increase over the net farm income of 1935. * * * In point of discretionary authority and actual objectives the new measure goes far beyond those of the old A.A.A. with respect to farm income. * * * (13763*)

- (1) Farmer Needs Tariff as Much as Industry.
WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 2/22/36. (New York - U.S.) (Merryle Stanley Rukeyser) * * * Historically, the farmer thought of the tariff as something that favored the business man and hurt the farmer. Now the farmer needs protection in the home market even more than the business man. * * * Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan uttered a great truth when he said: "Research pays because you know what you want, go after it with informed brains, and in general get it; but it often yields double dividends because you get something you didn't go after." (13764*)
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- (2) California Leads U.S. in Sale of Farm Crops.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF., UNION. I. 2/18/36. * * * (13765*)
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- (3) Business Outlook.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/4/36. Larger farm incomes in the Northwest. * * * (13766*)
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- (4) Wallace Directs New Farm Relief.
BOSTON, MASS., HERALD. R. 3/3/36. (Washington, A.P.) * * * (13767*)
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- (5) Southern Gain Noted in Crop Diversification.
RICHMOND, VA., TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 2/24/36. * * * Mr. Taylor said he thought the Southern farmer undoubtedly lived better, getting better food and a more varied diet, with diversified crops than under the single crop regime rules when cotton is king. * * * "It is a moot question which system is better." * * * (13768*)
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- (6) Grange Favors Farm Program To Benefit All.
KNOXVILLE, TENN., NEWS-SENTINEL. I. 2/21/36. * * * (13769*)
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- (7) Cash Receipts on Farms Show 12 Per Cent Gain.
HOUSTON, TEX., POST. D. 2/23/36. Smallest improvement in income was in the South Atlantic region. Increased farm income last year was due primarily to a 20 per cent rise in the general level of farm prices, says the report. * * * (13770*)
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- (8) Tells of Six Ways To Combat Erosion.
FORT WAYNE, IND., NEWS-SENTINEL. R. 2/24/36. * * * (A-66106)

- (1) Expert Assails New A.A.A. Bill as Unjust Law.

CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 2/25/36. Joker No. 1 in the new federal farm legislation is that there will be little money available for farmers who already are growing soil building or soil erosion crops, declared Dean Chris. L. Christensen. * * * Donald Kirkpatrick, general counsel for the American Farm Bureau federation, asserted that the bill, vigorously supported by his organization, was designed to aid farmers in eliminating losses in excess of \$400,000,000 due to abandoned acreage and loss of soil fertility. * * * He estimates that from 325 to 350 million acres of land is all that is required to produce enough farm products to meet consumer demand in this country. * * (13771*)

- (2) Ladd Predicts Better Times For Farmers.

UTICA, N. Y., OBSERVER-DISPATCH. I. 2/21/36. * * * (13772*)

- (3) Alky-Gas as Farm Problem Solution.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD-HERALD. I. 2/21/36. To the Editor: * * * The soil conservation program will not do the job. * * * Why not ask for an alcohol-gasoline blend fuel law? This could be made elastic enough to consume all of our surplus crops and so regulate agricultural prices. It would encourage the largest crops and so increase the employment of both rural and city workers. * * * (13773*)

- (4) Cities Prosper When Farmer Does, Sears Experience Shows.

CHICAGO, ILL., DAILY NEWS. I. 2/26/36. (John A. Mirt) * * * (13774*)

- (5) Farmers Start a Buying Boom.

DETROIT, MICH., FREE PRESS. IR. 2/28/36. * * * The American farmer's income climbed to eight billion dollars in 1935, and will increase further to nine, or possibly 10 billions this year, Floyd B. Nichols said. * * * As for the effect of the Supreme Court decision wiping out the AAA he declared that advances and declines in differing commodities for the most part had canceled each other, leaving the farmer as well off as he was before. (13775*)

- (6) Prospects are Termed Better Than in North.

JACKSON, MICH., CITIZEN PATRIOT. I. 2/19/36. * * * "During the worst of the depression in 1932 the fall off in the consumption of farm goods from normal was only 20 per cent. The real hope of sustained prosperity for the farmer lies in a balanced production." (13776*)

News Columns, Cont'd

A.A.A. -- AGRICULTURE GENERAL

- (1) Save Runaway Farms.
TOPEKA, KANS., CAPITAL. R. 2/19/36. Dr. Wolf tells of double task facing the farmers. * * * (13777*)
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- (2) A.A.A. Decision fails to cut Food Prices.
WASHINGTON, D. C., TIMES. I. 2/20/36. (INS) * * * Groceries cost more in January this year, even after the removal of the processing taxes, than in January, 1935. * * * (13778*)
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- (3) Says Farmers Bring Recovery.
NEW BEDFORD, MASS., STANDARD-TIMES. I. 2/17/36. * * * (13779*)
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- (4) New Dealer Forced to Pick Between Farmer and Buyer.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 2/21/36. (Rodney Dutcher) * * * (13780*)
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- (5) South Cheered as Chemist Turns Georgia Pine Into Paper.
WASHINGTON, D. C., NEWS. I. 2/24/36. (Ernie Pyle) * * * (B-63812)
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- (6) Plan To Cut Farm Tenancy Was Goal Pioneers Sought.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AGE-HERALD. ID. 3/2/36. (Washington, A.P.) * * * (13781*)
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- (7) Taps Relief Fund for Crop Loans.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 2/29/36. (Special) * * * (13782*)
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News Columns Pro

- (8) Loss of A.A.A. is Blow to Prices.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., POST. I. 2/20/36. * * * Mr. Lowery fears the removal of A.A.A. control over production will result in such an increase in cash crops as to force prices down and thereby cut deeply into the farmers' cash income. * * * (13783*)

(1) A.A.A.'s Successor to Stand--Steuer.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., TIMES-UNION. IR. 2/20/36. * * * "This bill will not include the processing tax feature objected to as unconstitutional in the prevailing opinion of the Supreme Court invalidating the A.A.A.," Max D. Steuer, noted Manhattan attorney, predicted. "I believe the prevailing opinion in the A.A.A. case was wrong," he continued. "Never was a more scientific piece of legislation placed on the national statute books." * * * (13784*)

(2) New Farm Bill a Step Forward.

TOPEKA, KANS., CAPPER'S WEEKLY. R. 2/29/36. (Arthur Capper) * * * What we should do is take advantage of the experiences of the A.A.A., continue its good work and not make the same mistakes again. * * * (13785*)

(3) Farmers Demand A.A.A. Substitute.

TULSA, OKLA., WORLD. D. 2/17/36. (World's Own Service) * * * (13786*)

(4) Questions Supreme Court.

RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/29/36. To the Editor: * * * When people were forced to the bread lines to keep from starving, and farmers were losing their homes on every hand, the writer sold tobacco for one cent to ten cents per pound (1931), you never heard the word "constitutionality" mentioned. Why? * * * Why did they have to dig up that old bundle of yellowed paper anyway, just when the farmer had promise of something besides starvation? * * * (13787*)

News Columns Con

(5) Fertility of U.S. Soil Disputes New A.A.A. Plan.

CHICAGO, ILL., NEWS. I. 2/21/36. (Paul R. Leach) Bernard W. Snow cites Department of Agriculture Records to prove claims. * * * (13788*)

(6) Nationalization of All Farm Land Real Aim of Brain Trust.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 2/23/36. (Mrs. George B. Simmons) * * * But you evidently cannot teach a Socialistic brain truster anything, and so next is proposed another control plan, this time with the avowed determination to conserve the fertility of the soil, but involving the expectation of keeping the vast personnel of the Triple A in their nice fat jobs, and continuing the political power that they have so effectively wielded. * * * (13789*)

CORN-HOG -- PACKERS

Editorials, Con.

(1) American Corn Laws.

PEORIA, ILL., JOURNAL-TRANSCRIPT. I. 2/23/36. * * * American agriculture should guard carefully against making the mistakes that England made in tinkering with the vital agricultural difficulty. (13790*)

(2) An Observation On Crop Control.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., STAR. R. 2/19/36. From a former Illinois boy now a physician in Seattle comes an unusual commentary on crop control. * * * Dr. W. Ray Jones speaks with a background well rooted in agriculture. * * * "Before crop restriction came, American boats, manned by Seattle men were hauling corn which was barged from Cairo to New Orleans and out to the Pacific Coast in American bottoms. Now foreign bottoms are bringing Argentine corn to the West Coast and those American seafaring men are working on relief projects." * * * The present administration has made much of the increase in farm income under the A.A.A. but as an answer to that, one large newspaper alleges that its investigation proves that only 36 per cent of the increase in farm income came from controlled crops while 64 per cent was due to crops untouched by the A.A.A. program. * * * (13791*)

News Columns

(3) Serious Problem Over Seed Corn Seen By Harding.

MT. VERNON, N. Y., ARGUS LEADER. IR. 2/22/36. * * * (13792*)

(4) Food Price Reduction Is Noted Since Tax Decisions on Process Taxes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., NEWS. I. 2/28/36. * * * Pork prices lower. * * * (13793*)

(5) Motor Fuel From Corn

KANSAS CITY, MO., TIMES. I. 2/28/36. Plant at Atchison will use 1-1 1/2 million bushels yearly. Alcohol to be mixed with gasoline will be produced under patents of the Chemical Foundation, Inc. * * * (13794*)

CORN-HOG -- PACKERS

News Columns Con

(1) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 2/25/36. Congressman Robison of Kentucky told the House last week: "While we were paying farmers not to produce corn in this country, the imports of corn from foreign countries in 1935 increased 2,500 per cent over 1934. While we were paying people to destroy millions of pigs and hogs in this country, the imports of pork products increased 3,200 per cent in 1935 over 1934. * * * I confess I cannot understand this strange policy." And neither can anybody else understand it. (13795*)

(2) Defends A.A.A. Tax Returns.

FARGO, N. DAK., FORUM. IR. 2/26/36. That the meat packing industry has a justifiable claim for the return of the processing taxes collected and held in escrow while the A.A.A. was under attack, as ordered by the U.S. supreme court, was the statement of Col. E. N. Wentworth in addressing the Northwest Farm Managers * * * (13796*)

COTTON

Editorials

(3) Success Or Failure? Farmers Must Choose.

MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/1/36. Should the south go crazy over a large increase in cotton acreage, the price of cotton could easily sink to six cents or lower. Such a catastrophe would return the farmer's purchasing power to as low as 50 per cent of the things he has to buy. Such was the warning to Mid-South farmers last week of a successful cotton grower whose long and at times bitter experiences have proved to him the value of production control. * * * There is no middle course. One leads to success, the other may lead to failure. Why, then, hesitate in making a choice? (13797*)

(4) Cotton Without Government.

MOBILE, ALA., REGISTER. ID. 2/22/36. * * * The government's cotton pool (developed within the past 18 months from the original set-up formed by the A.A.A.) has performed an inestimable service under the direction of Mr. Oscar Johnston. All informed observers on the production and merchandising of cotton are agreed on that. But there is at the present time a very definite need for the government to make its exit as gracefully and painlessly (to all concerned) as possible. If the cotton problem is ever solved it must be solved by the co-operation of agricultural interests (the farmers who produce the staple) and those interests engaged in marketing the product. Cotton will right itself, if only it is given half a chance. (13798*)

COTTON

Editorials, Pro.

(1) Turning 'Em Loose.

NORFOLK, VA., VIRGINIAN PILOT. ID. 2/19/36. * * * The A.A.A. met the emergency for which it was created * * *. It rescued American agriculture from the verge of destitution. Indeed, it did more than that, for it spread a monetary fertilizer around the roots of American crops that gave the farmers of the land a substantially increased purchasing power and to a degree paved the way for recovery. * * * It is to be hoped that the nation's agricultural producers have learned something to their advantage under the A.A.A. and other Federal agencies. At any rate, it is clear that it is not to the national interest to have farmers resort to a "turned loose" program. In the South, particularly, it would turn the clock back to poverty. (13799*)

(2) A Farmer's View.

GREENVILLE, S. C., NEWS. ID. 2/19/36. * * * The government has done its best to put the farmer on a sounder economic basis, and it has succeeded to some extent. But the farmer himself has some responsibilities in the matter. If at the first opportunity he will deliberately sink himself to his former level, he can blame himself for a lot of his troubles. (13800*)

(3) In Other Words.

SHREVEPORT, LA., TIMES. D. 2/22/36. * * * "U.S. industry, its markets protected by tariffs and its prices raised by an artificial scarcity, lived one kind of life. And U.S. agriculture, its market the world and its prices lowered to meet the world's competition, lived another. The drafters of the A.A.A. were in reality saying: 'This country cannot exist half a 'plenty' and half a 'scarcity' economy.'" * * * (13801*)

(4) Central Texas Farmers For F.D. and Soil Conservation.

AUSTIN, TEX., AMERICAN STATESMAN. D. 2/16/36. * * * Everywhere in Texas the growers of things are organizing their forces. They demand justice. They demand fair play. They demand equality in taxation and they demand to be placed on a parity with the makers of things of the American world. (13802*)

Editorial Con

(5) Farmer Jones Must Have Faith.

GALVESTON, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/19/36. * * * It is not expected that the supreme court will deny the government's right to spend money to promote soil conservation, but if the court scrutinizes the dealings between Farmer Jones and the secretary of agriculture too closely it may find some evidence of collusion to limit the production of cotton. (13803*)

COTTON

News Columns

- (1) Arkansas Cotton Pickers Work from 'Can to Cain't!
PHILADELPHIA, PA., RECORD. I. 2/28/36. (Howard Kester) Robot is
new labor peril. * * * (13661*)
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- (2) Snowden Warns Producers To Limit Cotton Acreage.
MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 2/24/36. (R.B.Snowden, Jr.)
Urges planting to prosper. Points to Nine-Million-Bale Carryover in South.
* * * (13804*)
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- (3) Black Land Area Starting Acala Cotton Project.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/27/36. * * * (13805*)
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- (4) Georgia Farmers Reap Big Profits From Tax On Oils.
ATLANTA, GA., CONSTITUTION. D. 3/1/36. (Washington, D. C.) * * *
13806*)
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- (5) Cotton Farmers Warned of Seed.
CHARLESTON, S. C., NEWS & COURIER. ID. 3/1/36. * * * (13807*)
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- (6) Government May Promote the Use of Cotton for Roads.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/2/36. * * * (13808*)
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- (7) Winter Destroys Weevil in South
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/2/36. Pest less destructive
in recent years but is still important factor. * * * (13890*)
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- (8) Larger Foreign Crops, but Lint Outlook Better.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/26/36. * * * (13810*)
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- (9) Washington Split Widens Over U.S.Cotton Policy.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/20/36. * * * (13811*)

News Columns, Cont'd.

COTTON

(1) Sears Sales In February at 6-Year High.
CHICAGO, ILL., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/4/36. Total of \$25,541,825 is 10.3 per cent increase over same 1935 period. * * * (13812*)

(2) 490,000 Bales More American Lint Consumed.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/25/36. * * * (13813*)

(3) Rise in Cotton Crop Forecast in India.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/24/36. * * * (13814*)

News Columns Pro.

(4) Cotton Soared in Life of A.A.A.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., POST. I. 2/20/36. (L. O. Brackeen) * * * Not only did the price of cotton double, but the farm cash income in Alabama increased from \$58,605,000 in 1932 to \$114,164,000 in 1934. The farm cash income in the United States in 1932 was \$4,328,000,000 compared with an estimated cash income of \$6,800,000,000 for 1935. * * * (13815*)

News Columns Con.

(5) Time and Tide; The Tenant System Must Go.
LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER JOURNAL. I. 2/21/36. (Herbert Agar) * * * (13816*)

(6) Deplore Failure to Understand, By Washington
NEW YORK, N. Y., DAILY NEWS RECORD. 2/26/36. Cotton textile leaders say it is distressing to them that they are not able to make any impression with Secretary Wallace. What they have been trying to do, they remark, is merely to let the secretary understand that all the money that had been impounded for process taxes, and which was recently released, is not going into the pockets of the mills, as he has been proclaiming to the world. * * * (13817*)

(7) Greater Demand With Lower Prices Seen Resulting From Process Tax End.
NEW YORK, N. Y., DAILY NEWS RECORD. 2/29/36. (Chicago Bureau) J. A. Donaldson tells Chicago controllers that levy amounted to as much as 10 per cent of cost of finished goods in many cases. * * * (13818*)

DAIRY

Editorial

(1) Milk in England.

BOSTON, MASS., HERALD. R. 2/25/36. * * * The writers of the extended analysis of the plan in the Quarterly Journal of Economics point out the differences in conditions in England and the United States and are of the opinion that no ideal long-run policy has been worked out in either country. Their article does provide an almost startling illustration of the extremes to which government is going. (13819*)

Editorials Con

(2) Wisconsin and the A.A.A.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., SENTINEL. IR. 2/22/36. * * * Not one cent of the billions disbursed by the government under A.A.A. went to the dairying interests and of the billion dollars and more of corn hog money, Wisconsin was the lowest state in this regard, except Michigan. * * * It is obvious * * * that Wisconsin farmers, receiving little or no benefits, were heavily taxed for cotton in the shape of overalls, socks, underwear, etc.; * * * The dairy farmers of Wisconsin carried a heavy load for somebody else's benefit. (13820*)

(3) Dairy States Against Farm Bill.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., CITIZEN. D. 2/20/36. * * * The main objection to price fixing is that it allows no latitude and many farmers are of the opinion that the sole solution is co-operation among the farmers in selling direct to consumers and cutting out the middle man. * * * (13821*)

(4) Price of Cows.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK., JOURNAL. IR. 2/20/36. A certain group of West River cattlemen and dairymen recently receiving a clipping from the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News * * * "The Tennessee Valley Authority recently sent a young man to buy cows to supply milk for the dam workers at Norris City. He purchased eight cows for \$5,300. Apparently he had never seen a cow before and had no idea that you could purchase a herd for that sum. Nor did he know that milk from eight cows that cost \$5,300 would, on a fair cost system, be more expensive than champagne. But the agricultural gentleman who sold him the cows, of course, was able to lift the mortgage and pay the back taxes. That helped." * * * (13822*)

(5) Too Much Butter? Where?

CHARLESTON, S. C., NEWS & COURIER. ID. 2/25/36. * * * The A.A.A. talks of the "price-depressing surplus" when the fact is that there has been underconsumption for the reason that Americans by the tens of thousands have been without the price of butter and cheese. * * * (13823*)

(1) Farm Bill

BUFFALO, N. Y., EVENING NEWS. R. 2/22/36. * * * If 20,000,000 acres more are used to pasture and feed cows, the resulting dairy production will do two things: it will drive down the price of milk, butter and cheese, and it will stimulate dairy farmers to demand subsidies. The industrial consumer may benefit for a while from the lower price, but in the long run, in his role as Federal taxpayer, he will pay the freight for another experiment. * * * If the sponsors of the measure deem it any permanent solution of agriculture's ills, they are in error. (13824*)

(2) Smuggling Butter.

MADISON, WIS., JOURNAL. IR. 2/20/36. * * * Customs officials estimate that no less than 5,000,000 pounds of butter have been smuggled in from Canada during the last twelve months. * * * It is hard enough for the American dairy farmers to have to meet the competition of the lessened tariff schedules on dairy products. * * * (13825*)

News Columns

(3) Dairy Business Brings Profits.

BOISE, IDAHO, STATESMAN. R. 2/16/36. * * * (13826*)

(4) Surplus Sets Milk Price Says Corbett.

HARTFORD, CONN., COURANT. R. 2/17/36. Brings down income to farmers under any system, he explains; results by cooperation. * * * (13827*)

News Columns Pro.

(5) Dean Christensen Says Farm Bill Aids Dairymen.

MADISON, WIS., TIMES. I. 2/28/36. (Washington - A.P.) * * * (13829*)

News Columns Con.

(6) Dean Warns Farm Bill Penalizes Dairy Farmers.

MADISON, WIS., TIMES. I. 3/2/36. * * * (13828*)

(7) Dairy States Unite Against Farm Bill.

NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 2/20/36. * * * (13830*)

GRAIN

Editorial Con

(1) This Year's Wheat Crop.

DULUTH, MINN., NEWS-TRIBUNE. I. 2/23/36. * * * The latest government estimates indicate that the largest amount of winter wheat sown in fifteen years is now in the ground. * * * What most folks wish is that the Washington experts would refrain from trying to run local and state business, and give the people a chance to be happy and prosperous. (13831*)

News Columns

(2) Wheat Testing Device to Be Tested in '36.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 2/24/36. * * * (13832*)

(3) Writer Sees Expansion in Flax Acreage.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 2/19/36. * * * (13833*)

(4) Ottawa Quitting Wheat Business.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/26/36. * * * The financial ability of Canada to care for the surplus and new crop is not in doubt. But experience has taught that strong arm support of prices lessens buyers' confidence in their intrinsic merit, and was a continuous handicap. * * * (13834*)

(5) Wheat Prices Little Changed.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., STAR. I. 2/27/36. Profit-taking sets in; Flax hits new low. * * * (13835*)

(6) A Wheat Crisis.

TOPEKA, KANS., JOURNAL. IR. 2/24/36. More dry weather to mean big damage in Southwest. * * * (13836*)

(7) Flour Export Subsidy Approved By Wallace.

WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 2/29/36. (A.P.) * * * (13837*)

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- (1) Sees Added Farm Burden in New Laws.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 2/21/36. * * * (13838*)

- (2) Government Grain Import Policy Is Hit.
TOLEDO, O., BLADE. IR. 2/20/36. * * * (13839*)

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- (3) Cattle On Increase.
EL PASO, TEX., TIMES. D. 2/14/36. * * * Despite the heavy decrease caused by the marketings of foundation stock during the drought year of 1934, the number of cattle of all ages on farms and ranches in the U.S. on Jan. 1, 1935, was 68,284,409, compared to 63,895,826 head on hand April 1, 1930. * * * (683148)

- (4) Grazing Policy.
GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 2/24/36. * * * The experience of the past years has shown that without careful restriction of the number of head of stock on the areas a great livestock resource will be irreparably damaged. Incidentally we feel strongly that placing control of grazing on one type of the public domain in the agricultural department and of grazing on another type of public land in the same state and perhaps in the same section under the interior department is not a logical and satisfactory policy. (687388)

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- (5) Sen. Pittman Tells of His Efforts to Assist West's Cattle Growers.
RENO, NEV., JOURNAL. ID. 2/16/36. (By Senator Key Pittman) * * * (13840*)

- (6) Free of Tick, the South Expands Beef Feeding.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 2/25/36. (Victor H. Schoffelmayer) * * * (BA67246)

- (7) 1935 Live Stock Prices Break 3-Year Record.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 2/27/36. (A.P.) * * * (13841*)

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(1) Increased Production Advocated.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 2/28/36. * * * "For years, we put all our energies to more production at less cost, and we became the envy of the rest of the world," declared James Tod, livestockraiser of Maple Hill, Kansas. "It's our own fault that we allowed a bureaucracy to grow up at Washington that is threatening agriculture with insolvency." * * * (13842*)

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(2) Blight Resisting Beet Seed Grown.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., DAILY BULLETIN. I. 2/26/36. * * * (13843*)

(3) Farmers Boost Acreage of Sugar Beets.

BOISE, IDAHO. STATESMAN. R. (Weiser - Special) * * * (13844*)

(4) Beet Contract Parley Ends In Deadlock.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH., TRIBUNE. I. 2/29/36. * * * (13845*)

(5) Sugar Deliveries Hit 6,361,531 Tons.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/2/36. * * * (13846*)

(6) Domestic Sugar Use Exceeds A.A.A. Estimate.

NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/2/36. * * * (13847*)

(7) Fix Cane Price For Season.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., TRIBUNE. D. 2/29/36. * * * (13848*)

(8) Sugar Tax, About 40¢ Lb., In Prospect, Says Report.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 2/28/36. * * * (13849*)

- (1) Sugar Picture Strengthened By Gov'ts Control Program.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/3/36. (Ody H. Lamborn) * * *
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- (2) Spring Comes Quickly.
RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/22/36. * * * Representatives of tobacco States in Washington have indicated their belief that as a long-range proposition, the new farm bill, designed to meet the law as laid down by the Supreme Court in its A.A.A. decision, will be highly beneficial to the country where tobacco is grown. * * * (13851*)
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- (3) Fruit of the A.A.A.
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., JOURNAL. ID. 2/20/36. The more it is studied the more evident it becomes that the A.A.A. plan embraced many of the points which are essential to the furtherance of agricultural prosperity. * * * Put into effect, the tobacco control plan may be the forerunner of similar programs for other crops. * * * (13852*)
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- (4) Drifting to Disaster.
RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/28/36. * * * If one plan will not work another must be found. (13853*)
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- (5) A Grim Joke.
CHARLOTTE, N. C., NEWS. D. 2/23/36. Nearly a billion and a half more cigarettes were smoked in January this year than in the same month in 1935. * * * Having imposed a tax that reduced consumption by an incalculable amount, Congress comes to the rescue of the tobacco grower by paying him petty premiums to restrict his production accordingly. * * * The federal government owes the tobacco farmer not an adjustment but a settlement. It would be interesting, and perhaps enlightening, to know in how many other respects the necessity for government help arises because of prior governmental hindrances. (13854*)
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TOBACCO

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- (1) Tobacco Firms Sue To Recover Old A.A.A. Taxes.
NEW YORK, N. Y., SUN. IR. 2/28/36. First suit of kind in U. S. * * *
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- (2) Sees Tobacco Crop Cut.
CHARLESTON, S. C., NEWS & COURIER. ID. 3/1/36. Blue mold damage
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- (3) Tobacco States and U.S. Weight Production Pact.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/25/36. (John W. Hazard) * * *
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- (4) Tobacco Sales Near 3 Million Pounds Here.
RICHMOND, VA., TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 2/23/36. * * * (13859*)
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- (5) Tobacco Cost Rise Offset By Removal of Process Tax.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/20/36. Cigarette makers held
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A. A. A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) The Struggle For The Soil

BOSTON, MASS., CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 3/27/36. * * * It should be acknowledged that the men who are grappling with America's farm question and its problem of soil erosion are fighting one of the nation's battles. Their strategy may not be of the best; their technique of command may be sometimes contradictory; some of their sallies may be useless. But they are the only ones who have undertaken to grapple with it as a national responsibility, and as such their efforts deserve co-operation rather than carping, sympathy rather than sabotage, and intelligent analysis rather than instinctive animosity. (13875*)

(2) "People In Their Pain".

EASTON, PA., EXPRESS. I. 3/27/36. * * * It is reasonably safe to say that in the last six years the saturation point of this nation in the consumption of farm produce has never been determined. * * * When A.A.A. got under way produce prices soared until even families with normally adequate incomes were forced to revise their household allowances for farm products. If these so-called surpluses materialize next year perhaps even the poorer families will be able to afford the farm products which should be available in abundance to every family. * * * The farmers themselves would benefit from increased consumption, the satisfaction with such a situation should be somewhat general. (13874*)

(3) Averaging and Acreage.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., OKLAHOMAN. ID. 3/26/36. Paying American farmers a bonus of \$10.00 per acre for planting or not planting specified crops may solve the economic problem of the farmers of the country. But unless the program is handled with exceeding great care it is calculated to create another problem of which the government has never dreamed. * * * (13872*)

(4) Both Are Subsidies.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. R. 3/25/36. One might as well use plain words in discussing the new soil conservation program. It is, in effect, a direct subsidy. * * * We are not endorsing the principle of the new farm program. But we are insisting that as long as the protective tariff remains, some compensating factor must be arranged for the farmer. * * * (13876*)

(1) Skill and Experience.

PONTIAC, MICH., PRESS. I. 4/9/36. At the present moment upwards of \$5,000,000 is going into a plastic mill to be the largest in the world devoted to processing farm products. * * * In the place of raising merely foodstuffs, the farms can be made to produce primary elements that the factories require. * * * (13958*)

(2) Continuous Production.

BISMARCK, N. DAK., TRIBUNE. R. 4/14/36. If the United States is lucky it will find farmers of this nation looking toward forestry-farming as a permanent source of income and thereby insure the country against both a shortage of wood and such destructive forces as flood and drouth. * * * Forest products rank ninth among our farm crops. The only items which exceed them in value are cotton, wheat, truck crops, tobacco, fruits and nuts, potatoes, corn and hay. * * * (14039*)

(3) Finding New Uses for Farm Crops.

ALLENTOWN, PA., CALL. I. 4/17/36. * * * (14029*)

(4) The Farmer's Winter Income.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 4/16/36. * * * Income boosts during the past season are reflected now in increased sale of farm machinery--rubber-tired tractors, four-row corn planters, expensive equipment of various kinds, has been bought for spring work on a larger scale than for several years. The farmer appears more optimistic as he faces the 1936 growing season. (14030*)

(5) The Farm Problem Recognized.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. R. 4/18/36. * * * As the National Association of Manufacturers probes the farm problem, we hope it learns the influence exerted by the industrial tariff in creating an unbalanced situation. Under present conditions, the farmer buys in a protected market and sells in an open market. Consequently, the prices of the things he buys average higher than the prices of what he has to sell. The simple and direct way to correct this is to reduce industrial tariffs and to expand farm tariffs wherever they can be made effective. * * * (14027*)

(6) Power Alcohol.

TOLEDO, OHIO, TIMES. R. 4/17/36. * * * Will Rogers used to explain the farmer's plight by saying the farmers needed tractors which would burn hay. * * * Now the farmers have found a way to "burn hay" by converting the products of their fields into mechanical power. * * * Power alcohol, an industry in its infancy, will turn bleak farms into desirable rural estates. (14035*)

(1) The Promise of Stable Food Prices.

NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/18/36. * * * (14058*)

(2) Where Bigness Fails.

WICHITA, KANS., EAGLE. I. 4/15/36. In the argument about the size of A.A.A. checks to a few individuals and corporations some interesting information is emerging relative to trends in agricultural operations. * * * Of all American farm land, 83 per cent belong to the small unit group. The average farm in America is still one-family size. In 1880 the average farm was 134 acres. Today it is 148 acres. This increase in the size of a farm can be explained by power implements making larger operations possible and by the loss of rural population to the cities. (14055*)

(3) Distorting Farm Realities.

HOUSTON, TEX., CHRONICLE. I. 4/16/36. * * * The idea of corporation farming is not an attractive one to Americans. Yet we should welcome the tests now being made, with a view to studying them in fact rather than in theory, with a view to determining more realistically what sort of farm policies we must establish and sustain in America. (14100*)

(4) The Original Sin.

HELENA, MONT., INDEPENDENT. ID. 4/14/36. * * * The protective tariff which has levied tribute in behalf of manufacturers for 150 years and which reached its fullest flowering in the Hawley-Smoot act has spread so many billions in its time as to make what Triple A put forth seem small change by comparison. * * * Because of the existence of the protective tariff something had to be done to equalize farm income with the prices farmers had to pay to tariff-protected manufacturers. For the first time Triple A put the tariff shoe on the farmer's foot. (14117*)

(5) Real Farm Aid.

TACOMA, WASH., LEDGER. I. 4/17/36. * * * Just as in industry many a by-product has become more important than the one-time chief item of manufacture, so also in agriculture alcohol may some time in the future compete with use as food in the value of the return from farm crops. Certainly the Kansas experiment is potentially a real farm aid, and points the logical and sensible way to deal with the problem of surpluses. (14115*)

(6) Work Sheets for Farmers.

JACKSON, MISS., NEWS. D. 4/18/36. If the new A.A.A. benefit program for farmers accomplishes nothing else, it is going to put business methods in their farm operations. * * * (14105*)

(1) Fair Prices For The Farmer.

ALTOONA, PA., TRIBUNE. R. 4/23/36. * * * The cooperatives, through organized business methods, are now obtaining fairer prices for the farmer. They are bringing stability out of the marketing chaos. They are showing their members how to produce better and larger crops on small acreages, and at a lower cost. They are the strongest possible influence for betterment of the farmer's economic and social condition. (14121*)

(2) Farm Relief That's Real.

WILMINGTON, DEL., JOURNAL. I. 4/24/36. * * * (14122*)

(3) Imports To Be Studied.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, TRIBUNE. I. 4/23/36. * * * If nothing else, the study now undertaken at the direction of the secretary of agriculture will reveal what changes have taken place in the last few years. And, moreover, should properly suggest remedies to be applied. Such remedies The Tribune feels should afford agriculture the same protection as is already afforded industry. (14123*)

(4) Farmers Vs. Oil Producers?

JERSEY CITY, N. J., JOURNAL. IR. 4/15/36. * * * Those who belittle the benefits that might accrue to agriculture through the use of alcohol point out that today the greatest source of commercial alcohol is from the distillation of black strap molasses, a foreign-raised product which sells in this country at about two cents the gallon. They also claim that weeds, straw, brushwood and other non-cultivated materials are prolific sources of alcohol and would be largely used for its production once a market developed. But the proponents see nothing but prosperity for the farmer if alcohol is used in conjunction with gasoline. * * * (14060*)

Editorials Pro

(5) Subsidies.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. R. 4/11/36. The slight subsidy the farmers will receive through the soil conservation act is but pin money compared to the subsidy the manufacturers have been getting and are now getting through the protection accorded to them under the protective tariff. * * * (13960*)

(6) Farmer Must Profit By New A.A.A. Program.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/29/36. * * * (13940*)

(1) A.A.A. Payments.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 4/13/36. * * * There was never any real dispute as to the theory of the A.A.A. program. Certain basic crops like wheat and cotton had lost the foreign markets which absorbed the surplus over domestic consumption. * * * The A.A.A. proposed to curtail the acreage of such crops until the surplus was reduced, prices restored and production adjusted to demand. * * * Those payments were financed by processing taxes which were in effect a restoration to a fairer level of the price paid by the consumer for the farmers' products. * * * There would have been no logic in offering each farmer the same sum because there would have been no inducement to the larger producer in the acreage curtailment contract if he were not paid for the use of his retired land. * * * It is becoming increasingly evident that the interests which are gaining control of the republican party in this campaign are determined to scuttle any effective farm program in this country. They are going back to the old position of their party, which in its essence favors the industrial regions by forcing prices of raw materials down to a bargain basis while maintaining a higher level for industrial prices. (13966*)

(2) Farming and Erosion.

GREENSBORO, N. C., RECORD. D. 4/17/36. * * * Too much can hardly be said for the present national administration's reforestation program as a means for checking soil erosion by both wind and water. Unless this program is consistently followed in the U. S. the time will inevitably come when our country, or great portions of it will deteriorate and become like Asia's great Gobi desert or like the burning wastes of Sahara in north Africa. (14102*)

(3) Let's Take The Subterfuge Seriously.

NEW YORK, N. Y., EVENING POST. IR. 3/28/36. * * * The country will have gained if the policy of paying a farmer \$100 for not raising hogs gives way to a policy of paying a farmer \$100 for raising grass and legumes and enriching his soil. We have a chance to leave behind the cockeyed economics that "fears a surplus" by intelligently replacing those surpluses with other needed produce. (13889*)

(4) Soil Conservation Needed.

HAVERHILL, MASS., GAZETTE. IR. 3/23/36. * * * This vital problem cannot be attacked too quickly. Its urgency gives the administration a chance to demonstrate that the new program is one of soil conservation in fact as well as in name. (13890*)

(1) A Program For Every Farm.

BOSTON, MASS., GLOBE. I. 4/18/36. * * * The justification of the program is that maintenance of the soil is a national concern. * * * This seems, after the complicated A.A.A. crop controls, like a simple and practical procedure that should appeal to enough farmers to make the resulting soil improvement of real importance. It makes Secretary Wallace the greatest conserver of Agriculture since Joseph. (14046*)

(2) "Ruin" Or Relief.

ATLANTA, GA., CONSTITUTION. D. 4/21/36. Recent tabulations of farm incomes during 1935 reveal that the American agriculturalist received, after making deductions for wages, operating expenses, taxes and interest, a net income two and a half times as large as he did in 1932. * * * Despite these tremendous gains under the A.A.A. policies, rabid and unreasoning opponents of the Roosevelt administration have assured us that the farmer is being "ruined." * * * In view of the new wealth jingling in his jeans, his new automobile and farm equipment, and his paid-up debts, the average farmer is undoubtedly of a mind to welcome more "ruin" of the same nature. (14113*)

(3) A Warning Issued.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., TIMES. D. 4/15/36. * * * Farmers are facing a critical situation. They can in large measure preserve the great advantages they have gained in the last 3 years under the present administration or, by failure to cooperate with the Federal Government in administering the new Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, perhaps return speedily to those conditions that only a short time ago brought them close to bankruptcy and starvation. * * * (14063*)

(4) To Put An End To Soil Robbing.

TOPEKA, KANS., CAPPER'S WEEKLY. R. 3/28/36. * * * For the first time in history, Uncle Sam is engaged in a nationwide, organized effort to conserve the soil, to preserve its fertility, to prevent as far as possible the terrific losses from water and wind erosion. * * * The farm problem is not a partisan problem; it is not a local problem. It is my contention that it is a national problem. The Republicans alone cannot solve it; the Democrats alone cannot solve it. The farmers individually cannot solve it. The nation as whole faces the responsibility of attempting its solution. * * * (Arthur Capper)(345*)

(1) Turn On The Light.

AKRON, O., BEACON JOURNAL. R. 3/26/35. * * * There is a rightful fear that the same thing will continue now that a political scheme has been contrived to extend the A.A.A. system of buying farm votes by loose and generous grants from the public treasury. (13879*)

(2) Contradictions.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., HERALD. R. 4/17/36. * * * The Department of Agriculture takes land out of cultivation because we have too heavy crops. Then we expend hundreds of millions to irrigate now desert lands in order to grow more abundant crops. We asked farmers to plow under their plantings because they were producing too much and at the same time paid county agents to teach the farmer how to grow more. We paid farmers not to grow corn at the same time the secretary of agriculture was selling a new breed of corn guaranteed to produce 20 per cent more to the acre. We killed off more than six million hogs and then shipped in from foreign lands pork with which to feed our own people. * * * (14041*)

(3) The Big Benefit Payments.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., REPUBLICAN. I. 4/10/36. * * * The A.A.A. plan of curtailment, in order to stabilize production and control a hitherto unmanageable surplus could not be operated with the largest producers left out--in fact, told virtually to grow more wheat instead of less. * * * In principle this curtailment in agricultural production to bring about a balance between production and consumption that would give the producer a better break in the markets was no different from the curtailments or shutdowns we are so familiar with in all private industries. * * * The A.A.A. was unsound from the point of view of normal economics and could be justified only so long as the extraordinary conditions that brought it into existence continued to prevail. The farm problem remains a problem of the foreign market, now closed to us as it was not in the past, as well as the problem of a domestic market that had become chronically glutted save in years of drouth. * * * (13957*)

(4) Colonel Knox on the Farm Problem.

MANCHESTER, N. H., UNION. IR. 3/27/36. * * * Man cannot take the place of the Deity--the winds, the sunshine, and the rains are essential to growing things--the rules of nature cannot be abrogated by decree nor violated without penalty. * * * When the government undertakes to tell the farmer what to plant, how much to plant, and in general run his business for him, or to force him to use the information it supplies, it destroys his individuality and initiative. * * * Colonel Knox believes that in view of our change from a debtor to a creditor nation, we cannot hope to regain our export markets unless we are willing to import more goods. This will require a readjustment of the tariff, which should be employed chiefly to protect our standard of living, by excluding excessive importations from countries with low standards of living. (13878*)

(1) Plow Crops Under to Make Jobs, Then Adopt Soil Erosion Plans To Make More Jobs.

PUEBLO, COLO., STAR JOURNAL. I. 3/27/36. * * * When the administration of the government of the U. S. compels the passage of laws which force farmers to plow up crops, to plow vegetation underneath the surface, instead of fertilizing the ground in other and more practical ways, what can we expect than what is happening? * * * Now we must "reforestize" and adopt soil erosion remedies to offset the damage. (13880*)

(2) Growing Farm Imports.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., ARGUS LEADER. R. 3/28/36. The trade treaty with Canada and several other nations became effective January 1st and American farmers are now learning just how badly they were treated in these reciprocal arrangements. * * * Thoughtful farmers realize that their economic future is being gravely jeopardized through policies that permit foreigners to occupy the domestic market. * * * (13881*)

(3) New A.A.A. Inconsistencies.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE. R. 3/24/36. * * * So far as the general purpose of the act is concerned, it all sounds so strikingly like the old A.A.A. with its benefit payments to farmers for crops they did not raise, that persons not blessed with the capacity to comprehend the New Deal can only wonder how it harmonizes with the Supreme Court decision, denying the right of the government to offer money to farmers to regulate crop production. (13882*)

(4) Burdens Upon Wealth Production. SYRACUSE, N. Y., POST STANDARD. R. 4/9/36. * * * Wealth does not grow in thin air. It comes from the soil. And the greatest production of wealth is thru agriculture. If we can accept these facts, and they are true, how can we sit by in smug complacency when we read those which are to follow, facts published in the current issue of "Farm Economics," published by the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca? They are: * * * Labor income is what a farmer receives for his work after paying all costs. The report shows that there has been some improvement. Instead of living upon capital, as he was in the two preceding years, the New York state dairy farmer in 1935 made \$57. * * * The A.A.A. never added more than 8 per cent to farm income. The per capita payment to New York state farmers came to approximately 22 cents. The new soil conservation plan will not accomplish more than this. * * * (13948*)

(5) Paying Both Ways.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., UNION. R. 4/14/36. * * * While one group of experts is exerting itself to protect and save livestock and field products against parasites and fungus diseases and so increase the supply, a body of brain trusters studies how to cut down production by other devices. The public pays plenty for both forms of service, particularly the latter. (13967*)

(1) The Farmers' Friend.

UTICA, N.Y., OBSERVER. I. 4/10/36. * * * We are wondering what the great mass of farmers who received no checks whatever from A.A.A., and the very great number who received perhaps a few dollars, will conclude after considering the situation as so far revealed. And up to the present, the half has not been told. Whether the full iniquity of this crop control measure is ever revealed is a question. The substitute farm scheme, disguised as a soil conservation act, is but a step from the frying pan into the fire. (13959*)

(2) Business Farming.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 4/13/36. * * * Nothing is more regrettable in the whole A.A.A. performance, not even the current evidence that vast sums of the taxpayers' money have been disbursed to beneficiaries who did not need it nearly as badly as many of the taxpayers themselves, than the fact that no progress has been made during the present Administration in placing American agriculture on a permanently improved basis. * * * (13955*)

(3) As The Money Poured Out.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., CALIFORNIAN. D. 4/7/36. The process taxes which were paid by the consumers of the country in order to enable the government to meet its obligations to farmers, were, in part, never distributed but remained in the possession of the processors, due to the ruling of the Supreme Court. Other taxes will now be levied to meet the obligation and the public must pay a second time. * * * Consumers would be happier if, for the future, there were more dollars for the smaller farmers, but a decrease in the number of larger beneficiaries. * * * (13954*)

(4) We Import More Food.

CHARLESTON, S. C., NEWS COURIER. ID. 4/13/36. Notwithstanding all the talk about food surpluses in the United States, more foodstuffs are being imported. Imports for consumption in 1934 were valued at \$1,636,000,000 and in 1935 at \$2,038,905,000. * * * It is contrary to the rules of economy for a nation with surpluses to buy from other lands. Political panaceas which have cured none of the agricultural ailments have created artificial conditions. The farmer is supposed to be assisted. At long last he is being punished. If the foreign farmer can share in the higher prices wherein is the gain for the domestic farmer? * * * (13956*)

(5) American Products First.

BROCKTON, MASS., ENTERPRISE. 4/13/36. * * * Farmers along the border say they are being put out of business. (13968*)

(1) The Hog Caller's Opportunity.

CHICAGO, ILL.; TRIBUNE. IR. 3/27/36. * * * There has been vague talk about paying farmers for raising soil building crops and for reducing the planting of soil exhausting crops. But all this is horse feathers. For the A.A.A. has been quick to point out that what is construed as a soil exhausting crop in one place is to be considered a soil building crop elsewhere. The big idea is to hand out 500 million dollars, but even the basis of the distribution is still in doubt. In that respect even A.A.A. was more satisfactory. * * * (13888*)

(2) Another Sock for A.A.A.

CLEVELAND, O., PLAIN DEALER, ID. 4/18/36. * * * As an emergency measure in 1933, when farm produce prices were ruinously low, some such program as the old A.A.A. involved may have been defensible. But as a permanent program looking toward improvement in the position of agriculture and the best utilization of our economic resources, it has by no means proved itself. * * * (14104*)

(3) Money For Europe.

PEORIA, ILL., JOURNAL. I. 4/16/36. From reports of A.A.A. disbursement, many taxpayers inferred that the national administration is interested not only in domestic recovery, but recovery abroad as well. * * * (14096*)

(4) Conservation As A Mask.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 3/23/36. * * * In reality it is all too evident that the important cause of conservation is being subordinated to another objective--the centralized control of agricultural output. * * * The administration has seized upon the soil-conservation idea as a cloak for continuation of the crop-reduction policies of the A.A.A. As the new plan to distribute \$470,000,000 among farmers goes into effect, the true conservationists must suffer pangs of regret that so little of it will be spent where it is most needed to arrest the encroachment of deserts and reclaim denuded areas. * * * Where fertility has been destroyed and erosion is most damaging, payments may be so small as to afford no incentive to conservation. * * * A program established on such a false basis must be regarded as merely an expedient means of continuing the flow of checks to the farms while the agricultural problem awaits intelligent solution. (13884*)

(5) Jugglers of the A.A.A.

CANTON, O., REPOSITORY, IR. 3/25/36. * * * It is doubtful if the new A.A.A. soil conservation program will prove to be an effective means of controlling production. * * * It is an excellent device, however, for transferring money from consumers to agricultural producers. * * * (13887*)

(1) Worth Remembering.

WHEELING, W. VA., INTELLIGENCER. R. 3/13/36. Now that crop control has been resumed by the Government under the name of soil conservation, with the old A.A.A. organization completely intact and on the job again, it is enlightening to take another peep at the foreign trade figures. * * * All of this food could have been produced in the U.S., and most of it would have been so produced, just as it was in former years, had the agricultural planners kept their fingers out. (13886*)

(2) The Land Furnishes All Wealth.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., POST STANDARD. R. 3/15/36. * * * Any sound measure to raise agricultural income is justifiable. The trouble and danger today is that efforts to raise agricultural income will result in abnormal credit inflation, ruinous to agriculture and urban communities alike. * * * There is just one course left to the American people, to oust the stubborn advocates of such a policy and to elect an administration pledged to stop this ruinous program by determined retrenchment and persistent economy and reduction of debts. (13885*)

News Columns

(3) Anchors For Dust Storms

MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 4/27/36. (Taylor Tycos Magazine) New desert grasses brought from Turkestan will be tried on our plains. * * * (14120*)

(4) Maine Farmers Have Important Decision To Make.

PORTLAND, ME., PRESS HERALD. I. 4/26/36. (Arthur L. Deering) Tillers of soil must decide whether the Federal Farm Plan is good business for agriculture. No shortage of foods because of Act, nor reason for higher retail prices. * * * (14125*)

(5) First Co-Op Farm is Coming Along.

MEMPHIS, TENN., PRESS SCIMITAR. I. 4/25/36. (Jack Bryan) * * * (14126*)

(6) Land Abuse Is Cause of Floods and Dust.

NEW YORK, N.Y., TIMES. ID. 3/29/36. (H.H. Bennett) Double affliction from which Country suffers is traced to lack of soil-binding vegetation. * * * (13901*)

- (1) Seed Prices Increase Under New A.A.A. Plan.
MEMPHIS, TENN., COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/25/36. * * * (13908*)
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- (2) Scientists Plan Profits From Farm Wastes.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CHRONICLE. R. 3/27/36. (Milton Silverman)
Chemistry brought to aid of agriculture in fighting depression surplus. * * *
(13910*)
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- (3) Farm Market Rise Forecast.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., STAR. IR. 3/29/36. Edison Institute devoting
time to developing products in Industry. * * * (13930*)
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- (4) U. S. Farm Exports Facing Big Year.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 3/29/36. * * * Preparations being made for
markets on pre-war basis. (A.P.) * * * (13929*)
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- (5) Farm Machine Demand Swamps Allis-Chalmers.
MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 3/29/36. * * * Sharp gains in the in-
come of farmers as a result of higher prices is an important stimulant, as is
the need for replacement of obsolete or worn out equipment. Bulwarking this,
Merritt states, are the benefit payments which the government made to farmers
under A.A.A. and which will be continued under the soil conservation program.
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- (6) Must "Earn" A.A.A. Dough.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., PRESS. I. 3/28/36 (D.L.Runnells) * * * (13932*)
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- (7) Farm Income Gains Without A.A.A. Cash.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., RECORD. I. 4/14/36. (Washington - U.P.) * * *
Cash receipts last February were larger than in the same month last year in
all states except Kansas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and
Louisiana. (13963*)
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- (8) Commodity Index Is Steady as Inflation Fears Subside.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 4/12/36. (H.N.McGill) * * * (13945*)
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- (1) April Farm Wages Highest Since 1931.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, GAZETTE. I. 4/17/36. * * * (N-26604)
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- (2) Program to Link Industrialists, Farm Interests.
MOBILE, ALA., REGISTER. ID. 4/17/36. Six-point plan for agriculture pushed to aid Mobile trade area. * * * (14101*)
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- (3) Process Taxes Neared Billion.
NEW YORK, N.Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 4/21/36 (U.P.) * * * (14106*)
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- (4) Vast Deserts May Yield to Soil Culture.
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, TRIBUNE. I. 4/19/36 (Moscow-U.P.) Soviet develops way to anchor sand and aid vegetation. * * * (14103*)
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- (5) Most Farmers Interested in Conservation Program.
MANCHESTER, N. H., UNION. IR. 4/21/36. Out of every 100 farmers in New Hampshire, 70 are keenly interested in the federal soil conservation program, 27 wish further information before expressing an opinion and 3 are violently against the plan. * * * (14112*)
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- (6) Labor Prefers WPA To Work On A Farm.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, GAZETTE. I. 4/15/36. Men out on the acres find they cannot compete. * * * Neither gardener nor farmer was critical of government efforts to help labor but each was certain that Uncle Sam's wage scale is higher than he can meet from returns of a garden or farm. (14049*)
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- (7) Big Business Fought A.A.A., Morse Says.
PORTLAND, OREG., JOURNAL. I. 4/15/36 (A.P.) * * * (14048*)
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- (8) Radio Waves Help Farmers Produce Bigger Crops.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., TRIBUNE. R. 4/19/36. * * * (14045*)
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- (9) Congress Urged To Turn Desert Into Farm Homes.
DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 4/15/36. (U.S.) Drawing account, car, stock and 20-acre tract asked of Government. * * * (14097*)

(1) Unused Farming Ability.

BURLINGTON, VT., FREE PRESS. IR. 4/9/36. (Raymond E. Bassett) Not content with the usual answer that impaired economic resources are always the cause of declining rural communities, H. C. Woodworth, agricultural economist of the New Hampshire Extension Service, began investigating. * * * Mr. Woodworth's conclusion is that there is a community psychology which may either stimulate the individual to better farming or dull his interest. Where failure is due to basic economic conditions, it is the starting point of decline and lack of enthusiasm is to be expected, but in the other cases the starting point may be merely the psychological complex of the community. * * * (13947*)

News Columns Pro

(2) U. S. - Canadian Trade Booms.

DES MOINES, IOWA, REGISTER. IR. 4/13/36. (U.P.) Farmers benefit by new treaty. * * * Agricultural trade showed a healthy increase, especially in exports of American products. * * * (13942*)

(3) Demands Billions More For Farmers.

CLEVELAND, O., PLAIN DEALER. ID. 4/25/36. National Grange Head says Soil Conservation is better than A. A. A. * * * (14127*)

(4) Speaker Sees Soil Program Inevitable.

CANTON, O., REPOSITORY. IR. 3/25/36. Whether America wants to or not, it must eventually formulate a definite program of farm control to direct production and conserve the soil, said Virgil R. Wertz, agricultural economist. * * * (13907*)

(5) Conserve Soil Pioneer's Idea Paid Dividends.

MEMPHIS, TENN., PRESS SCIMITAR. I. 3/26/36. Carl Hollis, president of the Merchants & Planters Bank at Warren, Ark., sees new farm program of A.A.A. most important in Nation's history. * * * (13916*)

(6) U. S. Must Give Agriculture Aid, Irwin Declares.

LINCOLN, NEBR., STAR. I. 3/28/36 * * * (13922*)

News Columns Con

(7) A.A.A. Rulings Would Make Ancestors Turn In Graves.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., GAZETTE. 4/15/36. (D.L. Runnells) * * * (14068*)

CORN-HOG

Editorial

- (1) Money In Hog Raising.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TIMES UNION. ID. 4/20/36. * * * (14036*)
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News Columns

- (2) Farmers Increase Planting of Corn.
NEW YORK, N.Y., TIMES. ID. 3/22/36. (Roland M. Jones) Cooler
toward limitation of crop, but stay below five-year average. * * * (13898*)
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- (3) New Bacon Quota For Great Britain.
HAMILTON, OHIO, JOURNAL. I. 4/9/36. * * * The U. S. will be permitted
to share in the new basic quota, as heretofore, to the extent of 8.1 per cent.
On that basis American packers will be permitted to ship to the British market,
about 8,367,000 pounds of cured pork. The aggregate effect of the quotas
announced thus far this year will be to limit the imports of cured pork from
non Empire countries from January 1 to April 30, 1936, to about 189,000,000
pounds of which about 15,300,000 pounds have been allocated to the U. S. (13962*)
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- (4) Greater Hog Slaughter Forecast for This Summer.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 4/22/36. * * * (14109*)
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News Column Pro

- (5) Prices of Pork Are Rising Despite Court's A.A.A. Ban.
WASHINGTON, D. C., NEWS. I. 4/11/36. * * * For 3 years opponents of
the processing taxes blamed them for the high price of pork chops, bacon and
ham. Then the Supreme Court put an end to the processing tax. Some pork items
dropped for a time, but today all of them, with the single exception of salt
pork, generally cost more than they did a year ago, when processing taxes were
being collected. * * * (13949*)
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News Column Con

- (6) The Farmers' Bonus.
LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER JOURNAL. I. 3/27/36. * * * No one would
care how much the farmer destroyed if the taxpayer wasn't asked to pay for
something that the farmer should do himself. * * * It was bad enough for the
ex-soldiers to howl for a bonus, but they are a bunch of pikers compared to the
farmers. * * * (13924*)
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COTTON

Editorials

- (1) The World Price Is Beyond Our Control.
DALLAS, TEX., TIMES HERALD. IR. 4/17/36. * * * (14031*)
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- (2) Cotton Marches On.
MOBILE, ALA., REGISTER. ID. 4/22/36. * * * The cotton industry, along with many others, is proving that its market is limited only by the ingenuity to develop new uses for the staple. (14148*)
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Editorial Pro

- (3) Government Cotton Moves.
EL PASO, TEX., TIMES. D. 4/17/36. * * * The government stands to lose the carrying charge, which totals about \$10,000,000 but even though it be not merely a bookkeeping loss, it is a small price to pay for so large a benefit as the cotton loans have proved to be. (14107*)
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Editorials Con

- (4) A.A.A.: Anglo-American Amity.
CLEVELAND, OHIO, NEWS. I. 4/9/36. * * * (13953*)
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- (5) Our Cotton Policy and the World Market.
PHOENIX, ARIZ., REPUBLIC. P. 4/16/36. * * * What we have here set forth applies with equal force to every branch of the American agricultural industry. * * * (14067*)
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- (6) The Sharecroppers Who Didn't Share.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., RECORD. I. 4/21/36. * * * Under A.A.A. the landlords were paid for preventing the croppers from working their land--and the croppers went on relief. That's called rehabilitating the South. (14116*)
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- (7) The Folly of Cotton Reduction.
CHARLESTON, S. C., NEWS COURIER. ID. 3/28/36. * * * The government of the United States has deliberately adopted measures to surrender the foreign market for American cotton and to reduce cotton as a source of American wealth. * * * (13897*)
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- (1) You Toil to Enrich Cotton Kings.
SPOKANE, WASH., SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 4/20/36. * * * Every consumer, rich and poor, has had to pay higher prices for cotton fabrics and garments as a result of the operations disclosed by this senate committee. Its criticism is particularly severe against the American Cotton Cooperative association, formed in 1930. Twenty-one reasons are advanced to support its findings that the organization is not a cotton cooperative, but is rather "another great cotton buyer or merchant, with practically unlimited backing of the federal government." * * * (14149*)
- (2) Cotton Control Blunder.
AKRON, OHIO, BEACON JOURNAL. R. 4/17/36. * * * The extent of the loss of foreign markets caused by A.A.A. cotton operations cannot be accurately measured, but the Brookings Institution report asserts the program has considerably stimulated foreign production and reduced world consumption of American cotton during the last three seasons. As the price of American cotton was forced up, foreign mills that had been using American cotton turned more and more to foreign cotton. * * * (14032*)

News Columns

- (3) One-Pound Ball of New Fiber Would Unroll Across Nation.
RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 4/14/36. (Kansas City - A. P.) A string spanning the United States from New York to San Francisco would unroll from a single one-pound ball of new dress goods fiber described to the American Chemical Society. * * * The new fiber is about one-third thinner than finest silk, and would unwind to a length of 2,500 miles per pound, compared with 1,000 miles a pound for rayons previously developed. * * * The new fibers, Dr. Bengier said, are due to improvements in machinery, in chemical solutions and in getting the impurities out of the cellulose products from which the artificial threads are made. * * * (13941*)
- (4) New Rayon Slasher Cuts Manville Jenckes Cost.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., JOURNAL. I. 4/12/36. * * * The machine is featured by stretch control units, which allow high-speed production and consequent cost reduction. * * * (13944*)
- (5) Million-Dollar-a-Year Business Built on Salvaged Cotton.
MEMPHIS, TENN., PRESS SCIMITAR. I. 4/18/36. W. W. Robinson makes damaged staple fit for sale. * * * (14047*)

- (1) Co-operative Farm Plans To Use Rust Cotton Picker.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 3/28/36. (U.P.) Sherwood Eddy and Inventors launch move to operate machine without causing disaster to Labor. Twenty families will share work and profits. * * * (13906*)
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- (2) Textile Mills To Operate At Full Capacity.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 3/27/36. To use all looms first time in 6 years due to increased business. * * * (13903*)
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- (3) Russia Likely to Increase Buying of U. S. Cotton.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 4/18/36. (Special-Moscow) * * * (14053*)
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- (4) Sharecroppers Aided Little By A.A.A.'s Checks.
NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 4/20/36. * * * (14066*)
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- (5) The Cotton Belt on the Move.
RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 4/12/36. The Old Cotton Belt, according to many observers, is on the verge of another great migration, comparable to the Negro exodus of the War period. * * * The emergence of the Southwest as an area of cheaper cotton production, the abandonment of the A.A.A., and the threatened loss of the cotton export market furnish three threats that the Old Cotton Belt may not be able to hold its population on the land. * * * The most important single factor bearing upon the ability of the South to support its population on the land is the changing export market. * * * We must confront the fact that, recovery or no recovery, the situation of the cotton farmer in the South is one of the most serious problems in the nation's economy. (13950*)
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- (6) Spinning Difficulties Hold Arizona Cotton for Japs.
TUCSON, ARIZ., STAR. ID. 4/24/36. Puzzling spinning difficulties due to apparently defective lint in Arizona cotton which makes Arizona growers almost entirely dependent upon Japan as a market for their short staple varieties are being made the subject of exhaustive studies by Dr. Ralph S. Hawkins, agronomist at the University of Arizona. * * * One of the puzzling factors in the situation is the fact that no information seems to be available as to why Japan spinners buy Arizona cotton, indeed seem to prefer it to other cotton. * * * (14151*)
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COTTON

News Columns Pro

- (1) Veit Voices Approval of A.A.A. Tax.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/22/36. * * * "The woes of the cotton industry," said Howard Veit, of M. Lowenstein & Sons, "cannot be laid at the door of the A.A.A. and the N.R.A. The blame belongs to the industry itself, to its lack of sound management." * * * (14414*)
- (2) Soil Program Lifesaver for Lint Grower.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 3/25/36. (Victor H. Schoeffelmayer) Opportunity for South to restore fertility and raise standards. * * * (13904*)

News Columns Con

- (3) Farm Union Assails A.A.A. as 'Slavery'.
WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 3/28/36. (Sidney Olson) New Soil Act same thing in new trappings, say sharecroppers. Resettlement officials in Alabama are 'thieves,' delegate charges. * * * (13918*)
- (4) Croppers Flay A.A.A. Farm Pay as 'Starvation'.
WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 3/29/36. * * * (13900*)
- (5) "Mills were the Victims not the Beneficiaries of 'Greatest Steal'."
NEW YORK, N. Y., DAILY NEWS RECORD. 3/30/36. (Leavelle McCampbell) Detailed answer to the recently published letter from Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace to Senator George W. Norris relating to refunds of processing taxes together with some observations on the attitude of the Administration toward the cotton textile industry. * * * (13926*)
- (6) Federal Bureau Hit By Cotton Merchant.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 4/28/36. (A.P.) E. R. Jones of Norfolk charges big trading firms dominate economics group. * * * (14156*)

DAIRY

Editorial

- (7) Regular Paychecks.
WALLA WALLA, WASH., BULLETIN. I. 4/22/36. * * * Statistics show that 10 years ago milk was less than 15 per cent of the total farm income in the U. S. while in 1935 it had increased to about one-fifth of the total. Farmers are getting about \$340,000,000 more a year out of milk now than they received in 1932. * * * (14152*)

DAIRY

News Column Con

- (1) Heil Says Farm Plan Cripples Dairy Industry.
MADISON, WIS., CAPITAL TIMES. IR. 3/28/36. (A.P.) * * * Assailing the soil conservation act as "not good farm practice," the Wisconsin state agriculture commissioner declared it would hurt dairymen without accomplishing its purpose of improving the soil. * * * (13923*)
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FRUITS, NUTS & VEGETABLES

Editorial

- (2) Soy Beans To The Fore.
GREENVILLE, S. C., NEWS. ID. 4/17/36. * * * The Manufacturers Record points out that in 1925 the soy bean production in this country was 5,000,000 bushels. By 1934 it had climbed to 20,000,000. Then within a year the crop doubled to 40,000,000 bushels. This rapid increase in production is attributed to the amazing range of new uses to which the soy bean is being put. It is used for flour, breakfast food, candies, roasted beans, condiments and live-stock feeds. The industries use it in the manufacture of paint, enamel, varnish, glue, printing ink, rubber substitutes, linoleum, plastics, glycerine, insecticides, medicines, textile dyeing and as an emulsifier. * * * Of especial interest to the cotton growing region is the fact that the initial processing of the beans can be accomplished by the cottonseed oil mills in the off season with practically no adjustment of machinery. * * * (14040*)
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Editorial Con

- (3) Potatoes Up.
PORTLAND, MAINE, PRESS HERALD. I. 4/10/36. * * * It is worth noting that the reason for increased potato prices is no beneficence of government but that old, unbeatable law of supply and demand. * * * (13965*)
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News Columns

- (4) A.A.A. Aides Say Tree Fruit Pact To Aid Markets.
FRESNO, CALIF., BEE. I 3/25/36. * * * (13914*)
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- (5) Oranges and Lemons Used in Steel Tempering Process.
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, TRIBUNE. I. 3/27/36. (Fresno, Calif., A.P.)
* * * Wheeler McMillen, New York magazine editor (Country Home) envisioned many American farms producing starch, cellulose, proteins and vegetable oils and other non-food products for factory use, instead of turning out continual surpluses of foodstuffs. (13919*)
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FRUITS, NUTS & VEGETABLES

News Columns Cont'd

- (1) Walnut Shells Put to Use by State Growers.
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., CITIZEN NEWS. I. 3/27/36. 15 commercial outlets for by-product discovered by researchers. * * * (13938*)
- (2) Federal Soybean Research Laboratory To Be At Urbana, Ill.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, GAZETTE. I. 4/26/36. * * * It is the first of the regional commodity laboratories to be established in the U. S. under the Bankhead-Jones act of 1935 and probably the only soybean research laboratory which will be set up under this measure. Co-operating in the project will be the twelve states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota, and the U. S. bureau of chemistry and soils and the bureau of plant industry. * * * At present approximately thirty-five commercial soybean mills and a number of cottonseed oil mills are crushing soybeans for oil and oilmeal. Twenty firms are manufacturing soybean food products; fifteen mills are making soybean flour and more than fifty factories in the nation are turning out various industrial products. * * * (14150*)
- (3) Spud Shortage In Canada Is Now Reported.
BANGOR, MAINE, NEWS. I. 4/16/36. (A.P.) * * * (14098*)
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GRAIN

Editorials

- (4) Wheat Exports May Be Revived.
FORT WORTH, TEX., STAR TELEGRAM. ID. 3/28/36. * * * The policy of the A.A.A. to limit production of staple crops as a means of forcing prices up apparently has been abandoned. * * * An interesting sidelight on this new aspect of the agricultural outlook is the fact that Southwestern grain exporters within the past few days have been asked to quote prices on wheat for export during July and August, the first of such inquiries received in three years. It is possible that a survey of the situation in Europe, made by one who is to administer the soil conservation act, may aid in developing this prospective demand for export grains. * * * (13893*)
- (5) For Better Wheat.
SPOKANE, WASH., SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 3/27/36. Research for better varieties of wheat, suitable to the Inland Empire, has been beneficially carried on for many years by Washington State College. * * * The purpose is not to "make two blades of grass grow where one grew before," but to make a better blade of wheat grow in place of the old blade. (13894*)
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- (1) Flax Encouraged.
WALLA WALLA, WASH., BULLETIN. I. 4/13/36. * * * (14050*)
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Editorial Pro

- (2) The Wheat Grower's Risk.
GREAT FALLS, MONT., TRIBUNE. D. 4/24/36. * * * The pressure of the market to beat down prices of raw materials to the lowest possible figure is relentless in its operations and the bumper crop on the farm always tends to force prices toward the minimum cost of production and even below it. It is that double hazard that makes the farmer increasingly resentful of smug advice from other quarters that he produce as abundantly as possible that the world may have plenty of his products. He rightfully asks why he should not have some assurance of a reasonable return for his efforts. That is the reason for the strong appeal of the A.A.A. to the Montana farmers. The law tended to lessen price fluctuations and offered the farmers some insurance against those crop losses from pests, drought and hail which are beyond his control. * * * (14153*)
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Editorials Con

- (3) Combine Farming.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JOURNAL. IR. 4/11/36. * * * While Thomas Campbell, the modern bonanza farmer in Montana, was holding down wheat production in his own Country, he was helping another country to produce wheat that could be exported to the U. S. to compete here with American wheat. * * * (13961*)
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- (4) Soil Conservation In Practice.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/21/36. * * * The reaction of other farm groups to the special treatment thus meted out to growers of an import crop--flaxseed--has yet to be seen. However, the basic danger in the whole scheme remains that it will degenerate into an outright scramble for Government subsidies among farmers. What has been done in the case of flax merely encourages similar demands from other sources. (14037*)
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News Columns

- (5) Grain Trade Experts Ask No Limit Be Put On Size Of Pit Orders.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 4/22/36. Better to regulate thru use of margin control, they contend, than by legislative strictures. * * * (14110*)
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- (6) Japan Flour Trade Forging To Front.
NEW YORK, N. Y., JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 4/28/36. * * * (14154*)
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News Columns Cont'd

GRAIN

- (1) Predicts Gain In Wheat Crop.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., TRIBUNE. R. 4/15/36. * * * (14062*)
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News Columns Con

- (2) Wheat Men Cold To New Soil Plan.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 4/12/36. (Dodge City, Kansas)
(A. R. Buckingham) * * * Whether their experience under the A.A.A. had cooled their enthusiasm for government aid to agriculture, or they were still skeptical of the soil plan until there was more assurance that wheat farmers would not be left out in the cold when the benefits were passed around, the temper of the meeting did not have the encouragement of meetings which preceded the wheat allotment plan. * * * The growers in this area, accustomed to raising an abundant crop, have not accepted the philosophy of scarcity. * * * (13946*)
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- (3) Freight Rates, Taxes Termed Farm Burdens.
NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/30/36. Development of waterways seen solution for wheat to regain world place. * * * (13909*)
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- (4) New Deal Gives Argentina Edge On U.S. Farmer.
CHICAGO, ILL., TRIBUNE. IR. 3/27/36. (Arthur Evans) Grain magnate sees a threat from South. * * * (343*)
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LIVESTOCK

Editorial Con

- (5) Meat Imports Feared.
FARGO, N. DAK., FORUM. IR. 3/29/36. * * * (13891*)
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News Columns

- (6) Colorado Lamb Crop Worth Ten Millions.
DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 4/16/36. (L.A. Chapin) * * * (14052*)
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- (7) Senate Backs Bill To Regulate Direct Shipments Of Livestock.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/31/36. * * * (13913*)
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SUGAR

Editorial Con

- (1) The Price of Sugar.

CHESTER, PA., TIMES. R. 4/10/36. When the reciprocal treaty with Cuba was put into effect, the duty on sugar was reduced from 2 cents to nine-tenths of 1 percent per pound. * * * Under the new mutual reduction of tariffs we have purchased about five times as much more of Cuban sugar as Cuba has purchased of American-made commodities. * * * The refiners have announced a rise of 15 points in the price of sugar. This is the peak price for six years. Someone may have received some benefit from this reciprocal treaty but very evidently it was neither the American producer nor the American housewife. * * * (13952*)

News Columns

- (2) Sugar Cane Houses.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TIMES UNION. ID. 3/31/36. (Hilo, T. H. - A.P.) Sugar cane refuse is being pressed into board here and the product used experimentally in building houses. Proponents of the idea point out that cane matures in 18 months, compared with 50 years for the average tree. (13866*)

- (3) Feed Candy to Barren Acres, Says Noted Chemist.

WASHINGTON, D. C., HERALD. I. 4/19/36. (Gobind Behari Lal) * * * Molasses, by-product of the cane sugar industry, is fed to desert land, harsh with alkaline salts. Under the powerful tropical rays of the sun, photo-chemical action begins. The energy of the sugar or molasses mixed with the soil combined with solar radiant power, enables the land to capture the nitrogen of the air. * * * How does it happen? Dr. Dhar replies: * * * "When cane sugar solutions mixed with sterilized or germ-free soil are exposed to sunlight for a long time, in quartz vessels, under sterile conditions (no-germ contact), there is appreciable increase in the available and total nitrogen contents of the sterile soil." Without any bacteria, sugar under the influence of light enables germ free soil to collect nitrogen. * * * "Molasses has been found to be a better reclaiming agent for alkaline fields than gypsum or powdered sulphur." * * * (14038*)

News Columns Con

- (4) New Deal Tells Beet Farmers 'Take Present Bill or Leave It'.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 4/24/36. (Charles O. Gridley) * * * (14155*)

- (5) Cummings Lashes New Beet Program.

PUEBLO, COLO., CHIEFTAIN. I. 3/26/36. (A.P.) * * * (13868*)

- (1) Bank's A.A.A. Check Is Put At \$705,488.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POST. I. 3/31/36. Paid as residuary share of sugar payments, says Vandenberg. 'Objection' of Wallace to withholding data is called captious. * * * (13869*)

- (2) That's That.

DENVER, COLO., POST. I. 3/22/36. Beet growers of Colorado and other sugar states certainly are getting a raw deal from the new dealers in this new agricultural control program. * * * Larger plantings of wheat, corn and other grains are to be encouraged this year in spite of the fact that these are so-called surplus crops. Sugar beets not only are the most important non-surplus crop, but they are about the only important crop of which this country never has produced as much as it could use. Yet sugar beet acreage has been cut down to provide a larger American market for the sale of Cuban sugar, and now beet growing is to be discouraged by cutting the farmers' benefit checks down to one-fifth of what they were. (13870*)

- (3) Soil Conservation as applied to the Production of Sugar Beets.

PUEBLO, COLO., CHIEFTAIN. I. 3/27/36. (Washington, D.C.) (Frank S. Hoag, Jr.) Beet farmers worse off under scheme, proposed by Wallace, than under A.A.A. * * * (13867*)

TOBACCO

News Columns

- (4) Sales Increase for American Tobacco Shown.

NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 4/2/36. American Tobacco Company enjoyed an increase both in volume of sales and in profits in the first three months of 1936, compared with the like 1935 period. * * * (13939*)

- (5) March Firecured Tobacco Sales Thrice March. '35, Total.

RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 4/11/36. * * * The total sales for the season through March 31, amounted to 20,081,045 pounds at an average price of \$10.30 per hundred. Total sales for the same period in 1935 were 17,689,637 pounds and the average price was \$12.17. * * * Sales during the past season were the largest since 1931, and the average price was the highest since the 1929-30 season, when the average was \$13.23 per hundred. * * * (13943*)

- (6) Koiner Expects New Farm Law To Aid Tobacco.

RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 3/29/36. * * * (13902*)

TOBACCO

News Columns Pro

(1) Not To Affect Cigar Prices.

TAMPA, FLA., TIMES. D. 3/26/36. Francisco Gonzalez, vice president of the Tampa Cigar Manufacturers Association, said today that government abandonment of the cigar clause of the Cuban treaty, with resultant advances in filler prices under the former schedule of duties to which control automatically returns, would not affect prices charged for cigars made here.
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(2) Tobacco Acreage.

RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 4/1/36. (To the Editor) * * * We have had two years' experience under the A.A.A. and are in a position to weigh and measure the value of planned and intelligent production of tobacco and the present soil conservation plan will be just as effective as the A.A.A. provided the farmers want to keep to an intelligent production system. * * * (13935*)

News Column Con

(3) Cuban Treaty Kills Tobacco Import Quota.

TAMPA, FLA., TRIBUNE. ID. 3/26/36. Will affect Tampa Cigar Manufacturers. * * * Manufacturers here agreed Cuban prices would not drop, and that they could not increase cigar prices, so they would have to take it on the chin themselves. (13920*)

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A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) Keeping Farm Gains.

OMAHA, NEBR., WORLD HERALD. I. 5/5/36. * * * The best efforts of the individual farmer, the state and the nation ought to be devoted to a realistic grappling with the problem of erosion. * * * (14230*)

(2) Industry Begins To Study Farm Role.

DES MOINES, IOWA, REGISTER. IR. 5/2/36. * * * It is a "break" in favor of agriculture when industry starts to educate itself about the economic role of agriculture, instead of shortsightedly and thick-headedly assuming that it is not necessary or desirable to learn any of these facts. (14182*)

(3) Higher Income.

MERIDIAN, MISS., STAR. I. 5/9/36. * * * The income of a farm has been shown to be directly in proportion to the amount of farm knowledge possessed by the farm operator. One state has found through research work that farmers scoring less than 65 in an agricultural knowledge test had labor earnings averaging less than \$700 a year while those scoring 85 and over had labor earnings ranging above \$1,400 a year. * * * (14229*)

(4) Sensible Conservation.

RUTLAND, VT., HERALD. IR. 5/9/36. * * * If the federal government's funds are wisely expended * * * they will improve agriculture much more than the theory of manufactured scarcity. (14208*)

(5) Scarcity or Foreign Trade?

MILWAUKEE, WIS., JOURNAL. I. 5/9/36. * * * We came into the depression that was inevitable and Mr. Wallace, as a temporary measure, gave us the economics of scarcity. That perhaps was the only thing to do. It did work, and it prevented outright disaster. But in itself it was not a cure as Mr. Wallace no doubt knows as well as anyone. * * * Secretary Wallace is right in warning that it should not be just another dose of tariff. He thinks, and he is right again, that it should be the opening up of foreign markets to our agricultural products. Can that be done? Not if we want to keep selling the same proportion of manufactured goods we now sell. It can be done if we change that proportion. But in that reshuffling, somebody is going to get hurt. * * * (14207*)

(6) Farmers Receive More Cash and Spend It.

RENO, NEV., JOURNAL. ID. 5/7/36. * * * (14240*)

Editorials, Cont'd. A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

(1) Per Capita Incomes.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., NEWS. D. 5/2/36. * * * These computations show the relatively backward position yet held by the American farm population. * * * (14194*)

(2) Farm Gains.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., BULLETIN. I. 5/7/36. An increase of more than 10 per cent in the farm population in this state between April 1, 1930 and January 1, 1935, should be evidence to those of the East who object to reclamation of our western lands, that perhaps they are in error in their opposition. * * * These farms, by the way, represent a desirable market for the manufactures of the very section of the country from which some of the complaints against reclamation have come. Washington has a higher percentage of farms with central station electricity than any of the states in the union, and Oregon and Idaho are not far behind. That is an evidence that there is buying power on our farms and that they are using machinery, most of which is manufactured in the East or Middle West and transported a long distance to the place of use. * * * (14231*)

(3) Farm Chemurgic Council.

DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 5/10/36. * * * Farm Chemurgic Council is trying to educate farmers to think in terms of protein, starch, cellulose and alcohol rather than merely of food or feed. The farmer is still to go on raising food as before, but he also is to have an added market, and it is hoped a profitable one, for his surpluses. These will be used by factories making paper, fountain pens, automobile parts, paints, varnishes and a hundred other modern products. * * * (14235*)

Editorials Pro

(4) West Endangered.

HOUSTON, TEX., POST. D. 5/9/36. Secretary Wallace reasons soundly when he contends that the department of agriculture should have the management of the public domain. Since the Federal Government is going into the business of conserving the soil, and the Department of Agriculture is administering the soil conservation program, it logically follows that the best interests of the country would be served by turning over the control of public lands to that department. * * * Saving the soil in the West is no longer a matter merely for academic discussion. It is time for action. (14233*)

(5) Victory In Defeat.

LOUISVILLE, KY., COURIER JOURNAL, I. 5/1/36. * * * Principal of the benefits growing out of the A.A.A. in addition to the raising of the prices of the farmers' products, Mr. Niles believes to be the stimulation of the ability to think. * * * (14183*)

(1) It Will Help.

WICHITA, KANS., EAGLE. I. 5/9/36. * * * If anything like the number of farmers co-operate with this program that co-operated with the first A.A.A., there is going to be soil improvement on a grand scale over a stretch of years. The Kansas farmer will get more production per acre, a goal which can not be discouraged on the farm and a thing which in a better day of less international narrowness will pay big dividends. (14236*)

Editorials Con

(2) The Farmer Holds the Sack.

BOISE, IDAHO, STATESMAN. R. 5/7/36. * * * "The A.A.A., with its checks from a million dollars down, was designed to 'create increased farm purchasing power.' It might as logically have been entitled an act to decrease the purchasing power of everybody else." * * * The government cannot always continue to pay him for non-production. Some day he must again depend upon foreign and domestic markets to absorb all his produce if he is to enjoy any thing akin to prosperity. That is why destruction of these markets--indirect though the work of destruction may be--constitutes such a vicious and short sighted policy. (14206*)

(3) Subsidizing Efficiency.

BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 5/5/36. * * * To the extent that the new A.A.A. scheme does improve fertility it must be regarded as an improvement over the origin. A.A.A., though one may stop to wonder why it is necessary to subsidize farmers to do what they ought voluntarily to be doing in their own interest. The ultimate goal is the same, however, for in its larger purpose the A.A.A. is seeking through its soil-conservation program to bring about a curtailment in the production of the so-called surplus crops. Though the method now used is indirect rather than direct, the final result is bound to be no sounder, economically, than under the first A.A.A. program. * * * (14192*)

(4) They Don't Want The New Farm Dole.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., INQUIRER. I. 5/12/36. * * * The old A.A.A., it may be recalled, paid money to farmers for planting only so much in food crops and for raising only so many hogs. The substitute A.A.A., its more direct means of plowing under food at the people's expense outlawed by the Supreme Court, seeks to accomplish the same thing through its "soil conservation" agreements. * * * The result is the same cherished objective so close to Secretary Wallace's heart: less food at higher prices, with larger incomes for farmers. * * * These farmers are performing a patriotic duty in spotlighting, by their unusual action, the inherent viciousness of a doctrine that puts a premium upon the non-production of food while millions depend upon the dole. (14242*)

(5) We Get Some "Reciprocity".

BANGOR, ME., NEWS. I. 5/9/36. * * * If Canadian markets are closed to us while our markets are practically wide open to Canada, many of our industries may as well close up shop. * * * (507*)

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News Columns

- (1) U. S. Farm Import Data Is Detailed.
BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 5/5/36. * * * (14191*)
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- (2) Bright Outlook for Farmers Is Seen by Expert.
FRESNO, CALIF., BEE. I. 5/5/36. Agricultural commissioner says better
than average season in prospect. * * * (14243*)
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- (3) U. S. Farm Income Jumps in Year; \$513,000,000 In March.
EUGENE, OREG., NEWS. I. 5/7/36. (Salem - U.P.) Reversing the usual
seasonal trend, cash income from the sale of farm products in March jumped to
\$513,000,000 compared with \$467,000,000 in February and \$429,000,000 in March
last year. * * * The March income also showed an increase in its ratio to the
1924-29 monthly average of 69 per cent. February was 65.5 per cent of normal and
March 1935, 58.5 per cent. Cash income increased 20 per cent during the first 3
months of 1936, over the same period in 1935. * * * (14246*)
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- (4) Conference to Seek Industrial Use For Farm Products.
NEW YORK WALL ST. JOURNAL. 5/12/36. Agricultural and chemical leaders
would increase crop production--to test alcohol as fuel. * * * (14245*)
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- (5) Georgia's Farm Laboratory.
ATLANTA, GA., JOURNAL. D. 5/3/36. (Willard Neal) Cotton grown in jugs
and 4,000 varieties of wheat raised in one field, are among the 125 projects at
Experiment, Ga. * * * (14203*)
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- (6) Farm: What Chance Of New Markets?
WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. NEWS WEEKLY. 5/4/36. * * * (14181*)
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- (7) Billions Added As Crop Prices Rise.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., NEWS. ID. 5/3/36. (Washington, D. C. - A.P.) (Frank I.
Weller) Further expansion is seen in agricultural buying by U. S. economists. * * *
(14184*)
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- (8) Industry and Farming Join at Dearborn.
DALLAS, TEX., NEWS. ID. 5/7/36. (NANA, Inc.) * * * (14217*)
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News Columns Cont'd

A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

- (1) Farm Property Demand Mounts.
BUTTE, MONT., STANDARD. D. 5/8/36. * * * (14226*)
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- (2) The Distribution of Indiana's Farm Population.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., STAR. IR. 5/10/36. (Article and Graph by
Prof. S. S. Visher of Indiana University) * * * (14228*)
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- (3) 'Farmers Pay Heaviest Tax'.
MEMPHIS, TENN., PRESS-SCIMITAR. I. 5/8/36. Waldauer urges
single tax in lieu of indirect and other levies. * * * "There are
58 indirect taxes on a single loaf of five-cent bread. Without the
farmer the rest of this thing we know as civilization could not exist."
* * * Increased production from greater land use, he said, would increase
employment and improve general business conditions. "Our present system
of taxation has a tendency to depress employment and penalize the
thrifty." (14234*)
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News Column Pro

- (4) Alabama Leads in Soil Saving.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AGE HERALD. ID 5/11/36. (Auburn, Ala.) * * *
Credit for leadership in the soil conservation program which has swept
the nation was given by Mr. Chambers to the extension service of Alabama,
backed by the experiment station. In other states he has noticed that
their soil conservation work is known as "The Alabama Plan." It was in
Alabama that a systematic program of soil conservation was inaugurated
by the county agents in cooperating with the extension agricultural en-
gineers at Auburn. * * * (14237*)
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News Columns Con

- (5) Former Secretary Proposes Program For Agriculture.
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, BULLETIN. I. 5/5/36. New Deal policies
assailed in address of Arthur M. Hyde. * * * (14215*)
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- (6) Farmers Found Scorning Soil Act of New Deal as a Vote 'Bribe'.
NEW YORK, N. Y., HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 5/11/36. (Mark Sullivan)
* * * (14216*)
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- (1) Wholesale Grocers Fear Soil Conservation Plans Will Bring Revival By U. S. Of Processing Levy.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, POST. 5/7/36. * * * Fear of a possible substitute processing tax was aroused, the brokers stated, by the soil conservation and other undertakings which the Government has launched, which will necessitate heavy national expenditures. Otherwise, they said, the consumer will continue to benefit by food prices considerably lower than other commodities. Despite rises in other lines, it was explained, food staples continue at figures far under the levels of 1929. * * * (14247*)

CORN-HOG

News Columns

- (2) Major Bros. Named in Processing Suit by Young Farmer.
SOUTH BEND, IND., TRIBUNE. IR. 5/7/36. * * * (14218*)
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- (3) Foreign Crops Of Corn Decreased.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/5/36. * * * (14199*)
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COTTON

Editorial Pro

- (4) Production Program.
MERIDIAN, MISS., STAR. I. 5/2/36. * * * The new soil conservation program permits a good solution for the problem of holding production within proper limits. Cotton farmers in all states should cooperate in carrying out the aims of this program. It will place cotton production on a more satisfactory basis in the future and at the same time will overcome some of the objections of the previous program. (14202*)
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Editorial Con

- (5) Injustice Under A.A.A.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE. R. 5/8/36. * * * Newspapers and critics of the A.A.A. in the cotton belt warned against this fatal anomaly of the farm program, which in aiming to help the small producer merely enriched the land owner. The Government itself was compelled to supplement its curtailment activities with new relief agencies to take care of those dispossessed by enforced scarcity. (14205*)
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COTTON

News Columns

- (1) World Mills Use More U. S. Cotton.
NEW YORK, N. Y., AMERICAN. I. 5/3/36. * * * (14180*)
- (2) Dona Ana Farm Asks Refund Of Fine On Cotton.
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., JOURNAL. I. 5/9/36. (Santa Fe, - A.P.) The
Stahman farms of Dona Ana County sought refund of \$13,064.32 in federal
court for "excess" acreage in cotton cultivated when the so-called cotton
control act was effective. The amount, their petition said, was paid under
protest to the internal revenue collector for growing more cotton than the
allotment provided by the control act. * * * (14238*)
- (3) Competitive Prices Aid U. S. Cotton Sales Abroad.
NEW YORK, N. Y., WALL ST. JOURNAL. 5/4/36. * * * (14178*)
- (4) Cotton As Road Material Raises Hopes Of Mill Men.
BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 5/1/36. Baltimore interests see possi-
bility of business expansion in Government's plan to buy fabric for new
highway building process. * * * (14186*)
- (5) Shackled Whites Of The Cotton Belt.
BOSTON, MASS., CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 4/29/36. (Frederick
W. Carr) * * * (14189*)
- (6) India Increases Acreage Of Long Staple Cotton.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2/36. * * * (14188*)
- (7) Fewer Tenants and Increase of Farm Ownership Seen as Way to Cut
Cotton Surplus.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., DEMOCRAT. D. 5/3/36. (By Senator Jos. T.
Robinson) (Southern Agriculturalist) * * * (14201*)
- (8) World Markets Absorbing India's Large Cotton Crop.
NEW YORK WALL ST. JOURNAL. 5/11/36. * * * (14222*)

COTTON

News Columns Cont'd

(1) Less Competition From India Is Seen.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/11/36. Unless record is set next year, America has little to fear. * * * (14223*)

(2) Slash In Federal Cotton Holdings Is Cheerful Sign.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 5/10/36. (A.P.) (Fred Williams)
Best statistical position since 1930 is predicted by coming September.
* * * (14224*)

(3) Cooperative Gin Program Praised.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., NEWS. ID. 5/10/36. Farm Credit Leader declares plan proving boon to South's farmers. * * * (14225*)

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

News Columns

(4) Buffalo Business.
BUFFALO, N. Y., TIMES. I. 5/2/36. (P. D. Fahnestock) Glen N. Oyer, Buffalo promoter, wants Uncle Sam to lend \$10,000,000 to Western New York farmers. If this sum can be obtained Mr. Oyer will set up co-operative canneries and dairies. He will advertise their products and before you can say Jack Robinson everybody in this part of the country will be well fixed if not rich. * * * Wants surplus milk made into cheese. * * * (14195*)

(5) Dairy Farmers' Income Up.
BALTIMORE, MD., SUN. ID. 5/11/36. (New York - A.P.) Increased \$24,000,000 over 1935 for first three months. * * * (14214*)

(6) Government Buying Bolsters Butter Market After Slump.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 5/10/36. (Chicago, Ill. - A.P.) * * * (14213*)

News Columns Pro

(7) Conservation Plan To Aid Dairymen.
CAMDEN, N. J., COURIER. IR. 5/8/36. (Mickleton) Crop rotation projects lauded by Gloucester County Representative. * * * (14212*)

(1) Poultrymen Due To Benefit By Conservation Program.
MANCHESTER, N. H., UNION. IR. 5/2/36. (R. C. Bradley) May collect on grass-land and use money to improve range, says extension leader, seeing real gains forthcoming. * * * (14185*)

(2) Soil Conservation Offers 3 Benefits to Dairy Farmers.
PORTLAND, ME., PRESS HERALD. I. 5/11/36. * * * First, explained W. S. Rose, county agricultural agent, is the financial assistance which the Federal Government will provide for dairy farmers who cooperate in the national plan to conserve and improve soil resources. Second is the promise the program holds for aiding dairy farmers to effect further reductions in production costs. Third is the opportunity the plan offers for improving dairy-herd health by placing increased emphasis on roughage and pasture in planning the dairy ration. * * * (14241*)

FRUIT

News Columns

(3) Citrus Growers Sign New Pact In Florida.
NEW YORK, N. Y., TIMES. ID. 5/10/36. (Lakeland, Fla. - Special)
* * * (14220*)

(4) Million Dollar Citrus Market Plan In Valley.
HOUSTON, TEX., POST. D. 5/3/36. 20,000 cars in 1936-37 - predicted. * * * (14197*)

GRAIN

News Columns

(5) Surplus Of World Wheat Much Lower.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/12/36. U. S. carryover may be less than 140,000,000. * * * (14244*)

(6) Spring Wheat on Wyoming Dry Land.
CHEYENNE, WYO., TRIBUNE. R. 5/7/36. * * * (14221*)

(7) 5-Year Wheat Plan Is Lagging In Japan.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/5/36. * * * (14198*)

LIVESTOCK

News Columns

- (1) Fourteen Thousand Carloads Wyoming Livestock Shipped.
CHEYENNE, WYO., TRIBUNE. R. 5/1/36. * * * (14179*)

- (2) Animal Gains Due To Effort.
RALEIGH, N. C., NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 5/4/36. (John R. Mohler)
Intelligent and persistent work needed to keep stock up to level. * * *
(14193*)

- (3) Farmers Seek Refund From Packers.
KANSAS CITY, MO., TIMES. I. 5/2/36. Farmers served the last two years by the St. Joseph Stockyards Company soon will receive approximately \$150,000 in refunds as a result of the recent supreme court opinion upholding the action of Secretary Wallace fixing lower rates for the company. * * * (14196*)

- (4) Georgia Veering to Livestock Industry.
AUGUSTA, GA., HERALD. D. 5/3/36. (A.P.) State has come to turning point in its agricultural history in the opinion of farming leaders. * * * The federal government's soil conservation program, substituted for the defunct A.A.A., is expected to accelerate the movement. * * * (14200*)

- (5) Dakota Range Overstocked.
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, TRIBUNE. I. 5/9/36. (Spearfish, S. D. - Special)
That western South Dakota ranges are overstocked was the opinion advanced by W. B. Willard. * * * A program of benefit payments for the voluntary reduction of her numbers on the range was advocated. * * * (508*)

POTATOES

News Column

- (6) Spud Shipments In April Mount.
PUEBLO, COLO., STAR JOURNAL. I. 5/7/36. (Alamosa) Spud shipments from the San Luis valley were six times as heavy for the month of April this year than for the corresponding month last year. * * * (14232*)

News Column Con

- (7) Potato Farmers Flout New A.A.A.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., LEDGER. I. 5/9/36. * * * (14219*)

SUGAR

News Columns

(1) Increase in Sugar Production Urged at Exchange Meet.
NEW ORLEANS, LA., TIMES PICAYUNE. ID. 5/7/36. Let us buy Iowa's corn with cane proceeds, Wilson pleads. * * * (14209*)

(2) Puerto Rican Sugar Rise Is Permitted.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/2/36. * * * (14187*)

(3) 2,286,980 Short Tons of Sugar Charged Against Islands' Quota.
NEW ORLEANS, LA., TIMES PICAYUNE. ID. 5/9/36. (Washington) * * * (14227*)

(4) Java's Sugar Surplus Cut 42.2% Year Ended April 1.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 5/11/36. * * * (14211*)

News Columns Con

(5) Flays Sugar Quota.
NEW ORLEANS, LA., TRIBUNE. D. 5/7/36. * * * Declaring that there could never be an overproduction of sugar in America, Mr. Wilson said that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace should come here in the sugar season in order to appreciate the number of men working in the sugar industry. * * * (14210*)

(6) Leche Protests Sugar Quota Set for State; Asks for 450,000 Tons.
NEW ORLEANS, LA., TIMES PICAYUNE. ID. 5/9/36. (Special-Baton Rouge, La.) * * * (14204*)

TOBACCO

News Columns

(7) Maryland Tobacco Loss In World Market Heavy.
WASHINGTON, D. C., STAR. I. 5/10/36. (Nelson M. Shepard) Methods of parking, shipping and buying source of complaint from France and other countries. * * * (14239*)

(8) U. S. Tobacco, Apples Benefit Under Treaty On Trade With France.
RICHMOND, VA., TIMES DISPATCH. ID. 5/10/36. (A.P.) * * * At least 20,500,000 pounds of leaf to be taken. * * * (14248*)